

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF  
COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND  
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. KAUFMAN):

S. 638. A bill to provide grants to promote financial and economic literacy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 639. A bill to amend the definition of commercial motor vehicle in section 31101 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude certain farm vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 640. A bill to provide Congress a second look at wasteful spending by establishing enhanced rescission authority under fast-track procedures; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 641. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prevent the abuse of dehydroepiandrosterone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 642. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish registries of members and former members of the Armed Forces exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed to such hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 643. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit preexisting condition exclusions for children in group health plans and health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 644. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after Sep-

tember 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 645. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to modify the Department of Defense share of expenses under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 646. A bill to amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 647. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the transparency of information on skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities and to clarify and improve the targeting of the enforcement of requirements with respect to such facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 648. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a prospective payment system instead of the reasonable cost-based reimbursement method for Medicare-covered services provided by Federally qualified health centers and to expand the scope of such covered services to account for expansions in the scope of services provided by Federally qualified health centers since the inclusion of such services for coverage under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 649. A bill to require an inventory of radio spectrum bands managed by the national telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 650. A bill to abolish the death penalty under Federal law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 651. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive bonuses paid by, and received from, companies receiving Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the amount of nonqualified deferred compensation that employees of such companies may defer from taxation, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 652. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to community health coalitions to assist in the development of integrated health care delivery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 653. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 654. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 655. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to ensure adequate funding for conservation and restoration of wildlife, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 656. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 657. A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 658. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 659. A bill to improve the teaching and learning of American history and civics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 660. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 661. A bill to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 662. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 663. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 79. A resolution honoring the life of Paul M. Weyrich and expressing the condolences of the Senate on his passing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 80. A resolution designating the week beginning March 15, 2009, as "National Safe Place Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. RISCH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CASEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KYL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. BURR):

S. Con. Res. 11. A concurrent resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and reaffirming the support of Congress for the mandate of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 205

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 205, a bill to authorize additional resources to identify and eliminate illicit sources of firearms smuggled into Mexico for use by violent drug trafficking organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 277

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, *supra*.

S. 353

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 353, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hamp-

shire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 422

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to establish the Temporary Economic Recovery Adjustment Panel to curb excessive executive compensation at firms receiving emergency economic assistance.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop guidelines to be used on a voluntary basis to develop plans to manage the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood education programs, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 457

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies.

S. 461

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of mili-

tary personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

S. 487

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 487, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 493

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of ABLE accounts for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.

S. 546

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to