

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. CFM56-5B Series Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1353) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-495. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Special Flight Rules Area; Correction" (RIN2120-A117) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-496. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification for Submitting Petitions for Rulemaking or Exemption" (RIN2120-AG95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-497. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision to Requirements for the Transportation of Batteries and Battery-Powered Devices; and Harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions" (RIN2137-AE31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 231. A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 232. A bill to prohibit the importation of certain low-level radioactive waste into the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 233. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the allowance of bonus depreciation and the increased expensing limitations permanent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 234. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 235. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 236. A bill to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to improve the compensation system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 237. A bill to establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 238. A bill to provide \$50,000,000,000 in new transportation infrastructure funding through bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation, including roads, bridges, rail and transit systems, ports, and inland waterways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 239. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. BOND):

S. 240. A bill to set the United States on track to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 241. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to permit deferrals on certain home mortgage foreclosures for a limited period to allow homeowners to take remedial action, to require home mortgage servicers to provide advance notice of any upcoming reset of the mortgage interest rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 242. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to specify the purposes for which funds provided under part A of title I of that Act may be used; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. DODD, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 243. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to establish the standard mileage rate for use of a passenger automobile for purposes of the charitable contributions deduction and to exclude charitable mileage reimbursements for gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 244. A bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of devel-

opmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 245. A bill to expand, train, and support all sectors of the health care workforce to care for the growing population of older individuals in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 246. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 247. A bill to accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high fuel consumption automobiles to replace such automobiles with fuel efficient automobiles or public transportation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 248. A bill to prohibit the use of certain interrogation techniques and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 249. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify formerly homeless youth who are students for purposes of low income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 250. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a higher education opportunity credit in place of existing education tax incentives; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 74

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 74, a bill to provide permanent tax relief from the marriage penalty.

S. 96

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 96, a bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 98

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions.

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S.J. RES. 5

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 5, a joint resolution relating to the disapproval of obligations under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

S. RES. 10

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 10, a resolution recognizing the right of Israel to defend itself against attacks from Gaza and reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel in its battle with Hamas, and supporting the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL, of Colorado, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 231. A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, this morning we introduced legislation to protect the coastal plains region of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from the threat of oil and gas exploration. S. 231 designates 1.5 million acres of the Refuge as Wilderness to be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Bestowing Wilderness designation on this precious piece of national heritage will reaffirm the original intent of the Refuge: to provide habitat for Alaska's wildlife.

As designated Wilderness, that land will become subject to specific management restrictions. Human activities will be restricted to non-motorized recreation, scientific research, and other non-invasive activities. Logging, mining, road building, mechanized vehicles, and other forms of development are generally prohibited in designated

Wilderness areas. However, since these particular lands are in Alaska, some public motorized uses will be permitted for subsistence and traditional use. For example, subsistence hunting as well as limited backpacking and hiking will be allowed.

The Arctic Refuge is home to 250 species of wildlife. Drilling there would severely harm its abundant populations of polar bears, caribou, musk oxen, and snow geese, and the amount of commercially recoverable oil in the Refuge would satisfy only a very small percentage of our nation's need at any given time.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a pristine natural treasure that must be preserved for future generations. We do not have to choose between conservation and exploration when it comes to our energy future; we can do both simultaneously while moving toward a sustainable and diverse national energy policy.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 234. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce legislation to designate the United States Post Office at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, IL, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building," honoring the first African-American to achieve the rank of Colonel in the Illinois Reserves.

Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr., was born on December 28, 1918, in Springfield, IL. In 1942, he enlisted in World War II and served in five battle campaigns in Europe, including in General Patton's advance in France, for which he was awarded the Silver Star Medal.

In addition to his 14 years of active duty service, he served for 17 years in the Illinois Reserves. He served as group commander in Springfield from 1967-1973 and was promoted to Colonel in 1965, making him the first African-American to achieve that rank in the Illinois Reserves at that time. Upon his retirement in 1973, he was awarded the Legion of Merit from the Army.

In his civilian life, Col. Wilson worked for the United States Postal Service for 57 years. From time to time, he would stop by my office in Springfield to share news about our local post office and make sure our mail was being delivered on time. Whenever he could, he would stop by to see me in Washington.

Anyone who knew Col. Wilson also knew of his love for the Reserves. He was a life member of the U.S. Reserve Officers Association, President of the ROA Springfield Chapter from 1960-61 and President of the ROA Illinois Department from 1971-72.

He was also a commercial photographer, member of the Military Officers of America, and lifelong member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

He died on August 30, 2008, in the same home of his birth. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lydie, and their two daughters, Shirley Wilson and Chantal Sneed.

Col. Wilson was a distinguished man of service. My hometown of Springfield, IL and our Nation is a better place because of his lifelong commitment to his country.

I am grateful to Springfield Mayor Timothy Davlin, former Illinois National Guard Adjutant General Lou Myers, and the local branch of the American Postal Workers Union for their support of this legislation. I hope my colleagues will join me in enacting this tribute to Col. Wilson.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 234

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. COLONEL JOHN H. WILSON, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building".

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 235. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I am proud to introduce the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights today with my friend and colleague, Senator CHARLES SCHUMER. We are introducing this bill today as a way to add some commonsense rules to the laws governing the issuance of credit cards.

Commonsense rules are important at a time when many Americans are hurting and taking on more debt, even as credit card companies are making record profits. I hear often from hardworking, honest Coloradans who are asking only to be treated fairly by the credit card industry, whose deceptive practices have plagued consumers for years.

We need to act to bring greater fairness to the millions of Americans who need and use credit cards every day. I have heard from constituents across Colorado, asking me to help even the playing field on this issue.