

H. Con. Res. 239. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3820. An act to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4868. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2009 Financial Report of the U.S. Government"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4869. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Housing Associates, Core Mission Activities and Standby Letters of Credit Rule" (RIN2590-AA33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4870. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (75 FR 5890)" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4871. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4872. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility for Failure to Maintain Adequate Floodplain Management Regulations" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4873. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (75 FR 6120)" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4874. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Amendments to Rules 201 and 200(g) of Regulation SHO—Short Sale-Related Circuit Breaker That Imposes a Short Sale Price Restriction" (RIN3235-AK35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4875. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties; Adjustment for Inflation" (RIN0605-AA27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4876. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Captioning of Video Programming, Order Suspending Effective Date" (FCC 09-71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4877. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4878. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a fiscal year 2009 report relative to the General Service Administration's Alternative Fuel Vehicle program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4879. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-AW51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4880. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computerized Tribal IV-D Systems and Office Automation" (RIN0970-AC32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4881. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to its operations and financial condition; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4882. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2010 Trade Policy Agenda and 2009 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4883. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4884. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the

export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Russia relative to the design, manufacture, and repair of the RD-180 Liquid Propellant Rocket Engine Program in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4885. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4886. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Under ERISA Section 502(c)(8)" (RIN1210-AB31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4887. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of Inspector General, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Patricia A. Hoffman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

*Larry Persily, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects for the term prescribed by law.

*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.

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. HATCH (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 3060. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for thorium fuel cycle nuclear power generation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3061. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve 21st Century Community Learning Centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3062. A bill to extend credits related to the production of electricity from offshore wind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3063. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide loans to certain organizations in certain States to address habitats and ecosystems and to address and prevent invasive species; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3064. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the production of energy from deep water offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3065. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the readiness of the Armed Forces by replacing the current policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces, referred to as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", with a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 3066. A bill to correct the application of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 (5 U.S.C. 5304 note) to employees paid saved or retained rates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 3067. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion for employer-provided department care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3068. A bill to reauthorize the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Human Space Flight Activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 3069. A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for the preservation and creation of jobs in the United States for projects receiving grants for specified energy property; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. LEMIEUX):

S. 3070. A bill to release Federal reversionary interests retained on certain lands acquired in the State of Florida under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to authorize the interchange of National Forest System land and State land in Florida, to authorize an additional conveyance under the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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 and Mr. COBURN):

S. Res. 430. A resolution commending the members of the 45th Agri-Business Development Team of the Oklahoma National Guard, for their efforts to modernize agri-

culture and sustainable farming practices in Afghanistan and their dedication and service to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 431. A resolution expressing profound concern, deepest sympathies, and solidarity on behalf of the people of the United States to the people and Government of Chile following the massive earthquake; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 432. A bill supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Lung 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 433. A resolution supporting the goals of "International Women's Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 362

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 688

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

S. 891

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 891, a bill to require annual disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Commission of activities involving columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, and wolframite from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearm laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes.

S. 984

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Washington

(Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 984, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 1273

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1273, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of permanent national surveillance systems for multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases and disorders.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, and for other purposes.

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1567, a bill to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1611

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1611, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 1859

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1859, a bill to reinstate Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 2898

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2898, a bill to provide for child safety, care, and education continuity in the event of a presidentially declared disaster.

S. 2924

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2924, a bill to reauthorize the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, in the wake of its Centennial, and its programs and activities.

S. 2982

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2982, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 3014

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3014, a bill to amend the Internal