

EC-8498. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Wisconsin Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8499. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Vermont Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8500. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the North Carolina Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8501. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Idaho Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8502. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payments for Inpatient and Outpatient Health Care Professional Services at Non-Departmental Facilities and Other Medical Charges Associated with Non-VA Outpatient Care" (RIN2900-AN37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8503. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (85); Amdt. 3400" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8504. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (12); Amdt. 3401" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8505. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (29); Amdt. 3403" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8506. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (98); Amdt. 3402" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8507. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp. PW305A and PW305B Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0892)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8508. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 222, 222B, 222U, 230, and 430 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1137)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8509. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault-Aviation Model FALCON 7X Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0760)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8510. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company (Robinson) Model R22, R22 Alpha, R22 Beta, and R22 Mariner Helicopters, and Model R44, and R44II Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0711)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8511. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 737-900ER Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0764)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8512. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model A109E Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0449)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8513. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company (Cessna) 172, 175, 177, 180, 182, 185, 206, 207, 208, 210, 303, 336, and 337 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-1328)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8514. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Aircraft Equipped with Rotax Aircraft Engines 912 A Series Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0522)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3480. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and other laws to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States (Rept. No. 111-368).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3297. A bill to update United States policy and authorities to help advance a genuine transition to democracy and to promote recovery in Zimbabwe (Rept. No. 111-369).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE—TREATY

The following executive report of committee was submitted on December 15, 2010:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 110-19 Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture with one understanding and one declaration (Ex. Rept. 111-7)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to an Understanding.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States of America on November 1, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 110-19), subject to the understanding of section 2 and the declaration of section 3.

Section 2. Understanding.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following understanding, which shall be included in the United States instrument of ratification:

The United States of America understands that Article 12.3d shall not be construed in a manner that diminishes the availability or exercise of intellectual property rights under national laws.

Section 3. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

This treaty is not self-executing.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES—NOMINATION

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. LINCOLN for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\*Ramona Emilia Romero, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

\*Carolyn W. Colvin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013.

\*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. DODD (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 4027. A bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 4028. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to local and tribal governments for hiring child protective services workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 4029. A bill to protect children from registered sex offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 4030. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a community-supported agriculture promotion program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 4031. A bill to promote exploration for and development of rare earth elements in the United States, to reestablish a competitive supply chain for rare earth materials in the United States and countries that are allies of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 4032. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 4033. A bill to provide for the restoration of legal rights for claimants under holocaust-era insurance policies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 28

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 28, a bill to ensure that the courts of the United States may provide an impartial forum for claims brought by United States citizens and others against any railroad organized as a separate legal entity, arising from the deportation of United States citizens and others to Nazi concentration camps on trains owned or operated by such railroad, and by the heirs and survivors of such persons.

S. 853

At the request of Mr. COONS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 3221

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S.

3221, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend the suspension of limitation on the period for which certain borrowers are eligible for guaranteed assistance.

S. 3293

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3293, a bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3320

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3320, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 3390

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3390, a bill to end the discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 4020

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4020, a bill to protect 10th Amendment rights by providing special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 63

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 63, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

S. CON. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), and the Senator

from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 71, a concurrent resolution recognizing the United States national interest in helping to prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and other mass atrocities against civilians, and supporting and encouraging efforts to develop a whole of government approach to prevent and mitigate such acts.

S. RES. 485

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 485, a resolution designating April 2010 as "Financial Literacy Month".

S. RES. 570

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 570, a resolution calling for continued support for and an increased effort by the Governments of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and other Central Asian countries to effectively monitor and regulate the manufacture, sale, transport, and use of ammonium nitrate fertilizer in order to prevent the transport of ammonium nitrate into Afghanistan where the ammonium nitrate is used in improvised explosive devices.

AMENDMENT NO. 4768

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4768 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4853, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4769

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were