

“Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Reporting Requirement for Midwater Trawl Vessels Fishing in Closed Area I” (RIN0648-AX93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4969. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Black Sea Bass Fishery; 2010 Black Sea Bass Specifications; Emergency Rule” (RIN0648-XT99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4970. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf Coast of Alaska” (RIN0648-XU20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4971. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XT93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4972. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XU11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4973. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure” (RIN0648-XU12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4974. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than or Equal to 60 feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XU20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4975. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod for American Fisheries Act Catcher-Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area”

(RIN0648-XU52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4976. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XU51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4977. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XU37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4978. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XU36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4979. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Trawl Limited Access Fishery in the C. opilio Bycatch Limitation Zone of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XU34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4980. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure” (RIN0648-XU33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4981. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction” (RIN0648-XU24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4982. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XU27) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4983. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock for American Fisheries Act Catcher Vessels in the Inshore Open Access Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XU30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; 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. DODD (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 3086. A bill to support high-achieving, educationally disadvantaged elementary school students in high-need local educational agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3087. A bill to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 3088. A bill to reduce the number of executive branch political appointments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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. CASEY:

S. Res. 446. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. Res. 447. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a semipostal stamp to support medical research relating to Alzheimer's disease; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 348

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 678

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to support research and public awareness activities with respect to inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to provide assistance to owners of manufactured homes constructed before January 1, 1976, to purchase Energy Star-qualified manufactured homes.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1320, *supra*.

S. 1783

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1783, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for country of origin labeling for dairy products.

S. 2760

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2760, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.

S. 2869

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2869, a bill to increase loan limits for small business concerns, to provide for low interest refinancing for small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 2912

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Or-

gon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2912, a bill to require lenders of loans with Federal guarantees or Federal insurance to consent to mandatory mediation.

S. 3003

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3003, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 3019

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3019, a bill to authorize funding for, and increase accessibility to, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide incentive grants to help facilitate reporting to such systems, and for other purposes.

S. 3059

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3059, a bill to improve energy efficiency of appliances, lighting, and buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 3074

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3074, a bill to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2011.

S. RES. 440

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 440, a resolution improving the Senate cloture process.

AMENDMENT NO. 3356

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3356 proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3423

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3423 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3428

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

(Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3428 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 3086. A bill to support high-achieving, educationally disadvantaged elementary school students in high-need local educational agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today, joined by my colleague Senator GRASSLEY, to introduce legislation on behalf of the millions of talented, high-achieving American students who every day, despite our best efforts, are being left behind.

When we talk about reducing the achievement gap, we usually think of helping economically disadvantaged kids who are having a tough time in school keep up with their peers.

Unfortunately, there is also a growing gap between high-achieving kids from high-earning families and students with just as much potential and talent who come from difficult economic circumstances.

Potential is being squandered every day. Tragically, some estimates indicate that one in five of our highest-achieving students drops out of school. That is 20 percent of our best and brightest students, the hope of our nation and the key to our economic competitiveness in the 21st century, left behind.

Every child should have the opportunity to reach their full potential. So, today I introduce the Equity in Excellence Act of 2010, designed to eliminate this gap among high-achieving students by helping talented but economically disadvantaged kids find the challenging and enriching materials and programs they need to stay in school and on track.

Here is how it works.

First, our bill will help to evaluate how school districts are challenging their most talented students—and to diagnose the problem when they are not.

Second, it will put in place evidence-based programs—ranging from enrichment programs to academic acceleration strategies to high quality support material—designed to maximize learning among high-potential students.

Third, it provides funding to hire and train personnel—principals, counselors, psychologists—skilled in meeting the needs of high-achieving students.

Fourth, it provides funding to educate and inform parents of these students, so that they can partner with schools in supporting their kids.

This legislation has been endorsed by the National Association for Gifted