

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Assistance Loan Program" (RIN3245-AF98) as received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2010; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6497. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1-Naphthaleneacetic Acid; Time-Limited Tolerance, Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8831-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6498. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two violations of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Department of the Army and was assigned case numbers 06-03 and 07-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6499. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-008, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6500. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-056, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6501. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports relative to terrorist threats to military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6502. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the operations of the National Defense Stockpile (NDS); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6503. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the remaining obstacles to the efficient and timely circulation of \$1 coins; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6504. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Bank's system of internal controls for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6505. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of New Export Control Classification Number 6A981 Passive Infrasonic Sensors to the Commerce Control List of the Export Administration Regulations, and Related Amendments" (RIN0694-AE44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6506. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Manage-

ment, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annular Casing Pressure Management for Offshore Wells" (RIN1010-AD47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6507. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8833-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6508. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Petroleum Refineries" (FRL No. 9169-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6509. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" (FRL No. 9169-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6510. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standard Program" (FRL No. 9169-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6511. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 9112-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6512. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9170-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6513. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Suspension of Certain Oil Spill Response Time Requirements to Support Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill of National Significance (SONS) Response" (RIN1625-AB49 and RIN2050-AG63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6514. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9169-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6515. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Attainment for PM10 for the Mendenhall Valley PM10 Nonattainment Area, Alaska" (FRL No. 9171-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

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

[Treaty Doc. 111-1 Tax Convention with Malta with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 111-3); and Treaty Doc. 111-3 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with New Zealand with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 111-4)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolutions of advice and consent to ratification are as follows:

111-1: TAX CONVENTION WITH MALTA

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

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to a Declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on August 8, 2008, at Valletta (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 111-1), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

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

The Convention is self-executing.

111-3: PROTOCOL AMENDING TAX CONVENTION WITH NEW ZEALAND

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

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to a Declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and New Zealand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on December 1, 2008, at Washington (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 111-3), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

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

The Protocol is self-executing.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

*Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

*Sara Louise Faivre-Davis, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Myles J. Watts, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

*Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

*Richard Sorian, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*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. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 3551. A bill to provide a fully offset extension of emergency unemployment insurance assistance, enhanced Medicaid FMAP reimbursements, and summer employment for youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 3552. A bill to require an Air Force study on the threats to, and sustainability of, the air test and training range infrastructure; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BURRIS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3553. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to study the feasibility of the hydrological separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3554. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to promulgate rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 3555. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 515 9th Street in Rapid City, South Dakota, as the "Andrew W. Bogue Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3556. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3557. A bill to provide for Kindergarten Plus programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3558. A bill to improve the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3559. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen mentoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3560. A bill to instruct the Secretary of State to designate the Pakistani Taliban as a foreign terrorist organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3561. A bill to establish centers of excellence for green infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 3562. A bill to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3563. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to temporarily designate as a HUBZone counties that are most affected by a recession; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. Res. 575. A resolution congratulating the University of South Carolina baseball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I Baseball National Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 576. A resolution expressing support for designation of June 30, 2010, as "National ESIGN Day 2010"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 577. A resolution commemorating the remarkable life of patriotism, conviction, and compassion led by Chaplain Henry Vinton Plummer; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 578. A resolution designating June 2010 as "Summer Food Service Program Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. BURR):

S. Con. Res. 66. A concurrent resolution to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Con. Res. 67. A concurrent resolution celebrating 130 years of United States—Romanian diplomatic relations, congratulating the Romanian people on their achievements

as a great nation, and reaffirming the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania, a trusted and most valued ally; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 931

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to improve and expand the Peace Corps for the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1489

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1489, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to create parity among small business contracting programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1624

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1624, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, and for other purposes.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1674, a bill to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 2747

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2747, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 2765

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2765, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to authorize loan guarantees for health information technology.