

in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6667. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sault Sainte Marie 4th of July Fireworks, St. Mary's River, Sault Sainte Marie, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0543)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6668. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Michigan City Super Boat Grand Prix, Lake Michigan, Michigan City, IN" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0235)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6669. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Chicago Tall Ships Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0250)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6670. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Wicomico Community Fireworks, Great Wicomico River, Mila, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0023)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6671. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Red Bull Air Race, Detroit River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0174)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6672. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Private Fireworks, Wilson Creek, Gloucester, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0257)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6673. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; City of Chicago's July 4th Celebration Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0249)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6674. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Firework Displays within the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound Area of Responsibility" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0063)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6675. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Home-

land Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Michigan Orthopaedic Society 50th Anniversary Fireworks, Lake Huron, Mackinac Island, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0496)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6676. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project, Columbia River, Hermiston, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0504)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6677. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Milwaukee Air and Water Show, Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0225)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6678. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; 2010 Muskegon Summer Celebration Air Show, Muskegon Lake, Muskegon, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0506)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6679. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Parade of Ships, Seattle SeaFair Fleet Week, Pier 66, Elliot Bay, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0525)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6680. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Marquette 4th of July Fireworks, Marquette Harbor, Lake Superior, Marquette, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0512)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6681. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks for the Virginia Lake Festival, Buggs Island Lake, Clarksville, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0478)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6682. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; North Jetty, Named the Barview Jetty, Tillamook Bay, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0214)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6683. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Display in Stevenson, WA"

((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0332)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6684. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pierce County, Washington, Department of Emergency Management, Regional Water Exercise" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0475)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6685. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Alligator River, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0091)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6686. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Wilson Bay, Jacksonville, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0158)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-128. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to pass legislation that would provide financial assistance to those states with budget deficits in order that the length and depth of the recession will not be worsened due to the limited resources and difficult alternatives presently confronting many states; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 551

Whereas, at this time, the United States is continuing to experience one of the worst economic downturns in its history; and

Whereas, the Department of Labor recently reported that the unemployment rate in June rose to a level of 9.5%; and

Whereas, approximately 3.5 million jobs have been lost in the United States since the beginning of the year; and

Whereas, state governments furnish assistance to the unemployed and also provide direct and indirect services to the neediest people in our communities, including the elderly, the disabled, and the very young; and

Whereas, although the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is providing funds to state governments as part of the economic stimulus package designed to spur our nation's economic recovery, the budget deficits of many states have grown significantly, even with the original infusion of federal funds, as shown by the current budget gaps of \$26.3 billion in California and approximately \$9.2 billion in Illinois; and

Whereas, each state with a revenue shortfall faces difficult decisions involving raising taxes and fees on its citizens and businesses that are already adversely affected by the recession and unemployment; reducing financial assistance and grants to educational institutions, local governments, and social service agencies; and laying off significant numbers of employees from the state workforce; and

Whereas, the effect of a state, like Illinois, taking one or more of those difficult alternatives may be to worsen the effects of the recession in that state because of higher unemployment, increased state costs of health care for the uninsured, increased numbers of foreclosures, increased state expenditures for unemployment insurance, and lower state tax revenues due to reduced economic activity; and

Whereas, the federal government has the resources and the ability to assist states with budget deficits during this difficult time so that the rate of unemployment can be reduced, or at least not increased, and so that educational and social service programs can be continued at current levels; and

Whereas, the state budget deficits could be eliminated if Congress passed new legislation, with reasonable repayment requirements, to provide financial assistance to the states with budget deficits; therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly of the State of Illinois,* That we urge Congress to pass legislation that would provide financial assistance to those states with budget deficits in order that the length and depth of the recession will not be worsened due to the limited resources and difficult alternatives presently confronting many states; and be it further

*Resolved,* That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to President Barack Obama, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-129. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging the President of the United States, Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

To memorialize the president of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

Whereas, due in large part to the unregulated efforts of private enterprise over the past twenty-five years, the development of the Internet has dramatically transformed the way Louisiana citizens work, live, and learn; and

Whereas, the deployment of efficient, fast, and reliable broadband networks throughout the state has created thousands of jobs and many benefits for local economies; and

Whereas, in order to encourage the growth and development of the Internet, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) historically has refrained from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934; and

Whereas, as a result, the United States has been at the forefront of technological, business, and social innovation on the Internet; and

Whereas, on May 6, 2010, the chairman of the FCC announced a policy to reclassify broadband Internet services as common carrier services so that they can be more tightly regulated, with a proposal to forebear from imposing certain common carrier obligations on broadband Internet providers; and

Whereas, using antiquated provisions of Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate the Internet will slow investment in Louisiana's Internet broadband infrastruc-

ture and jeopardize future job growth. Therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the president of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. Be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, and to the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

POM-130. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to support expansion and use of domestic natural gas reserves and alternative energies to reduce our reliance on imported oil by supporting H.R. 1835 and S. 1408; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

To memorialize the United States Congress to support expansion and use of domestic natural gas and alternative energies, and to urge agencies to operate vehicles using compressed natural gas.

Whereas, the United States imports more than sixty-five percent of its petroleum, two-thirds of which is used in the form of gasoline and diesel fuel to power vehicles; and

Whereas, a large percentage of worldwide petroleum reserves are located in politically volatile countries, making the United States vulnerable to supply disruptions; and

Whereas, the United States has an abundance of natural gas; and

Whereas, compressed natural gas provides safe, clean, reliable, efficient, and secure energy, and is the alternative fuel most used today for transportation in the United States, with more than two hundred thousand buses, taxis, delivery vehicles, and other fleet vehicles across the nation using compressed natural gas daily; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Energy indicates that compressed natural gas can be used as a replacement for gasoline in light-duty vehicles and as a replacement for diesel in heavy-duty vehicles; and

Whereas, vehicles powered by compressed natural gas discharge far fewer harmful emissions than vehicles powered by gasoline or diesel fuel; and

Whereas, studies indicate that maintenance costs for vehicles powered by compressed natural gas are lower than for vehicles powered by gasoline or diesel fuel; and

Whereas, the federal government currently provides, and is expected to increase, incentives for use of alternative fuels and, at the current price of various fuels, any additional costs to purchase vehicles to run on compressed natural gas would be quickly recouped; and

Whereas, in 2009, the United States imported four billion, three hundred and fifty million barrels of oil, spending roughly two hundred and sixty-five million dollars; and

Whereas, eighty-five million barrels of oil were produced daily around the world; and

Whereas, twenty-one million barrels of oil are used daily in the United States; and

Whereas, world oil production has been declining since 2005; and

Whereas, roughly twenty percent of every barrel of oil imported into the United States is used to fuel the transport of goods around the country by road. Therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the United States Congress to

support expansion and use of domestic natural gas reserves and alternative energies to reduce our reliance on imported oil by supporting H.R. 1835 and S. 1408, which are under consideration by the United States Congress. Be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature of Louisiana urges state and federal agencies to purchase, when possible, vehicles that can be converted to run on compressed natural gas, when it is available. Be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KOHL, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3606. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-221).

### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Coast Guard nominations of Rear Adm. (lh) Sandra L. Stosz, to be Rear Admiral Lower Half.

\*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. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 3592. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, as the "First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHANNES:

S. 3593. A bill to require the Federal Government to pay the costs incurred by a State or local government in defending a State or local immigration law that survives a constitutional challenge by the Federal Government in Federal court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 3594. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to mitigate the economic impact of the transition to sustainable fisheries on fishing communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3595. A bill to strengthen student achievement and graduation rates and prepare young people for college, careers, and