

Annual Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8124. A communication from the Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8125. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2010 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8126. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8127. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8128. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8129. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8130. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, transmitting, a report relative to the management of individual Indian trust accounts; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8131. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Responding to Disruptive Patients" (RIN2900-AN45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-146. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging Congress to pass House Resolution 5879, which would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Services of the United States in the Kingdom of Laos from 1961 to 1975; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Whereas, from 1961 to 1975, during the Vietnam War, the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) ran a covert counterinsurgency operation in Laos that became known as the Secret War; and

Whereas, the CIA recruited Hmong individuals from Laos to help fight the communists; and

Whereas, the Hmong soldiers fought shoulder-to-shoulder with American soldiers; and

Whereas, the Hmong were recruited initially to shield Laos from communist takeover, and were later instructed to interdict convoys of supplies on the Ho Chi Minh Trail; and

Whereas, these young Hmong earned a reputation as capable, loyal, and brave fighters, and their service in combat proved to match the best guerrilla fighters in the world; and

Whereas, many Hmong soldiers paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, and our nation owes a debt of gratitude to them; and

Whereas, these Hmong soldiers played an important and unique role in United States military history; and

Whereas, about 130,000 ethnic Hmong moved to the United States after the 1975 communist takeover as political refugees; and

Whereas, it is fitting that the service of Hmong veterans be honored with burial benefits in our national cemeteries; and

Whereas, House Resolution 5879 would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Services of the United States in the Kingdom of Laos from 1961 to 1975; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly of the State of California respectfully requests the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President to sign, House Resolution 5879, which would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Services of the United States in the Kingdom of Laos from 1961 to 1975; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 3665. A bill to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Pakistan (Rept. No. 111-353).

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. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3976. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3977. A bill for the relief of Shing Ma "Steve" Li; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 3978. A bill to ensure that home health agencies can assign the most appropriate skilled service to make the initial assessment visit for home health services for Medi-

care beneficiaries requiring rehabilitation therapy under a home health plan of care, based upon physician referral; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 686. A resolution designating December 11, 2010, as "Wreaths Across America Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 687. A resolution honoring the life and career of Dave Niehaus; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Res. 688. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. Res. 689. A resolution recognizing National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of American Indians and Alaska Natives and the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 470

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 3739

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3739, a bill to amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to include bullying and harassment prevention programs.

S. 3906

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3906, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. CON. RES. 76

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 76, a concurrent resolution to recognize and honor the commitment and sacrifices of military families of the United States.

S. RES. 664

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 664, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in opposition to privatizing Social Security, raising the retirement age, or other similar cuts to benefits under title II of the Social Security Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 4713

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4713 intended to be proposed to S. 510, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply.

AMENDMENT NO. 4715

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4715 proposed to S. 510, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3977. A bill for the relief of Shing Ma "Steve" Li; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing a private relief bill on behalf of Shing Ma "Steve" Li. Steve Li is a Peruvian national who, until his recent detention, lived in San Francisco, California. He was brought to the United States as a child and is now a student at City College of San Francisco hoping to become a nurse.

I decided to introduce a private bill on Steve's behalf because I believe his removal would be unjust before the Senate gets a chance to vote on the DREAM Act. It is my sincere hope that Congress will consider and pass the DREAM Act before the end of this year. This important legislation would allow youngsters such as Steve Li to continue making a contribution to the United States, the country that they grew up in and call home.

Beginning with the new session in January, all of my bills are reviewed and evaluated for reintroduction.

Each year, approximately 65,000 undocumented youth graduate from American high schools. Most of these undocumented youth did not make a

choice to come to the United States; they were brought by their parents. Many of these young people grew up in the United States and have little or no memory of the countries they came from. They are hard working young people dedicated to their education or serving in the Nation's military. They have stayed out of trouble. Some are valedictorians and honor roll students. Some are community leaders and have an unwavering commitment to serving the United States.

Steve Li is one such student.

Steve was only 12 years old when his parents brought him to the United States. Like many other DREAM Act eligible youngsters, Steve didn't have a choice to come to the United States, he came with his parents.

Steve's parents are Chinese nationals who fled China to Peru to escape economic oppression and the Chinese government's policies on reproductive rights. From China, Steve's parents went to Peru, where he was born. The family then sought asylum in the United States, which was denied.

Steve was ordered removed along with his parents; however, according to his mother and himself, he was never told about the denial or his illegal status.

So, Steve didn't know he was in the United States illegally or that his family had been ordered to leave. He went through all of his teenage years in the United States believing he was here legally.

This past September, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arrived at his home early one morning in September and took him into custody for removal to Peru. That is apparently when he learned about his illegal status. He has remained in detention in Arizona since October 8th. Steve's parents have been ordered to leave the United States and return to China. They cannot accompany their son to Peru.

Steve attended George Washington High School in San Francisco. While there, he was enrolled in the Honor's Program. Steve was an athlete on the cross country and track team. He worked for the school newspaper as a reporter, editor, and cameraman.

Steve also served his high school community by providing presentations to other students on the risks of drinking and driving and sexually transmitted diseases at the wellness center at George Washington High School. Steve graduated high school in 2008 and enrolled at City College of San Francisco to pursue a career in nursing.

City College of San Francisco awarded Steve the Goldman Scholarship, which covers the cost of his tuition. Steve has continued his active involvement in his community, joining the Asian American Student Success Center and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program, which is a two-year outreach and educational support program.

This past summer, Steve attended the San Francisco State University

Summer Science Institute, which provided a year-long internship to prepare him for a career in health care upon his graduation from college.

My staff has talked with his parents and with Steve in the detention facility. It appears to me that the only positive future for Steve is that he be able to finish his education and remain in this country—at least until the DREAM Act is considered by the Congress. There is no future elsewhere.

With this in mind, I introduce this bill. It is an act of compassion for one young person whose only hope is America. He knows no one, or has he any roots, elsewhere.

Educators working with Steve have highlighted his potential for giving back to the United States, while his friends and other community members contacted me about the impact his compassion and helpfulness has had on his community. Enactment of the legislation I am introducing on behalf of Steve Li will enable him to continue to remain in the United States for the time being.

Steve Li's case demonstrates why we need to pass the DREAM Act now and I am pleased that Leader REID has announced that it will be brought to the floor in December. I will reevaluate this case in January.

I ask my colleagues to support this private bill.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3977

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR SHING MA "STEVE" LI.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any order, for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), Shing Ma "Steve" Li shall be—

(1) deemed to have been lawfully admitted to, and remained in, the United States; and

(2) eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status under section 245 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1255).

(b) APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Subsection (a) shall apply only if the applications for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status are filed, with appropriate fees, not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS.—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa to Shing Ma "Steve" Li, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the birth of Shing Ma "Steve" Li under—

(1) section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)); or

(2) section 202(e) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(e)), if applicable.