

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sections 911 and 1098 of the House bill, and sections 885, 911, 912, and division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HALL, QUAYLE, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of section 804 of the House bill, and sections 885-887, and division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mrs. ELLMERS, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 314, 366, 601, 1098, and 2814 of the House bill, and sections 262, 313, 315, 1045, 1088, and 3301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. MICA, CRAVAACK, and BISHOP of New York.

From the Committee on Veterans Affairs, for consideration of sections 551, 573, 705, 731, and 1099C of the House bill, and sections 631 and 1093 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. BUERKLE, and Ms. BROWN of Florida.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 704, 1099A, and 1225 of the House bill, and section 848 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CAMP, HERGER, and LEVIN.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2055) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

Mr. Rogers of Kentucky, Mr. Young of Florida, Mr. Lewis of California, Mr. Frelinghuysen, Mr. Aderholt, Mrs. Emerson, Ms. Granger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Culberson, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr. Rehberg, Mr. Carter, Mr. Dicks, Mr. Visclosky, Mrs. Lowey, Mr. Serrano, Ms. DeLauro, Mr. Moran, Mr. Price of North Carolina, and Mr. Bishop of Georgia.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2297. An act to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2405. An act to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to public health preparedness and countermeasure development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2471. An act to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a

video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4220. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to 47 C.F.R. Parts 1, 36, 51, 54, 61, 64, and 69 to Comprehensively Reform and Modernize the Universal Service and Inter-carrier Compensation Systems" (FCC 11-161) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4221. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Japan for the production of the Evolved SeaSparrow Missile (ESSM) in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4222. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4223. A communication from the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, transmitting, a report relative to the Annual 2011 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4224. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Family Educational Rights and Privacy" (RIN1880-AA86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4225. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4226. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Intelligence Community received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2011; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-4227. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Methamphetamine Production Prevention Act of 2008" (RIN1117-AB25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4228. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Patent Term Adjustment Provisions Relating to Information Disclosure Statements" (RIN0651-AC56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4229. A communication from the Acting Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Arizona Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4230. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Attorney General relative to Lobbying Disclosure Act enforcement actions taken for the period beginning on July 1, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4231. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Attorney General relative to Lobbying Disclosure Act enforcement actions taken for the period beginning on January 1, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4232. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection (TSGLI) Program Genitourinary (GU) Regulation" (RIN2900-AO20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4233. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1430. A bill to authorize certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-99).

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. KERRY:

S. 1949. A bill to provide for safe and humane policies and procedures pertaining to the arrest, detention, and processing of aliens in immigration enforcement operations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1950. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1951. A bill to restore the exemption from fees for certain customs services for passengers arriving from Canada, Mexico, and islands adjacent to the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1952. A bill to improve hazardous materials transportation safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1953. A bill to reauthorize the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, to improve transportation research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1954. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1955. A bill to authorize the interstate traffic of unpasteurized milk and milk products that are packaged for direct human consumption; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1956. A bill to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COATS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1957. A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1958. A bill to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until May 31, 2012; considered and passed.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORKER, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 1959. A bill to require a report on the designation of the Haqqani Network as a foreign terrorist organization and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1960. A bill to provide incentives to create American jobs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLI-

BRAND, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1961. A bill to provide level funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

S. 1962. A bill to make the internal control reporting and assessment requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 optional for certain smaller companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 345. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 227

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 227, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 571

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide education for homeless children and youths, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to increase the penalties for economic espionage.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a 5-person Commission, to bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for restitution and other State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 1281

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr.

BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1281, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to establish a smart card pilot program under the Medicare program.

S. 1692

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1692, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, to provide full funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program, and for other purposes.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims.

S. 1781

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1781, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an open burn pit registry to ensure that members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to toxic chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits while deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq receive information regarding such exposure, and for other purposes.

S. 1821

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1821, a bill to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts.

S. 1822

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1822, a bill to provide for the exhumation and transfer of remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces buried in Tripoli, Libya.

S. 1882

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota