

Program" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1941. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Teaching American History—Notice of Final Selection Criteria and Other Application Requirements" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1942. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program—Final Regulations" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1943. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Priorities—Comprehensive School Reform Quality Initiative" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1944. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria—Smaller Learning Communities Programs—Special Competition" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rights-of-Way Under the Federal Land Policy Management Act and Rights-of-Way Under the Mineral Leasing Act" (RIN1004-AC74) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1946. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of an Additional Manatee Protection Area in Lee County, Florida" (RIN1018-AT65) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-56. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Togus, Maine, is the oldest facility operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in the country, having been operated in 1866; and

Whereas the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides general medical, surgical and mental health services to our nation's veterans; and

Whereas the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center is the only United States Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs medical center in Maine, a large and rural state; and

Whereas the State of Maine has a large population of military veterans, with more returning from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere around the globe every day; and

Whereas a cut in funding for the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center would be devastating to the medical center's ability to provide basic health care services to our nation's veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, your memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress support the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center as a vital resource in serving our nation's military veterans and providing veterans in Maine with much-needed and deserved health care services accessible from all points in the State; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 728. A bill to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-61).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 907. An original bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation's public transportation and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with rank of Ambassador.

By Mr. CRAIG for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Johnathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

*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. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 900. A bill to reinstate the Federal Communications Commission's rules for the description of video programming; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 901. A bill to provide States that meet certain requirements with waivers of the adequate yearly progress provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 902. A bill to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to clarify the exemption for recreational vessel support employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 903. A bill to provide for the correction of a certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System map; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 904. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 905. A bill for the relief of Heilit Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 906. A bill to promote wildland firefighter safety; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 907. An original bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation's public transportation and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 908. A bill to allow Congress, State legislatures, and regulatory agencies to determine appropriate laws, rules, and regulations to address the problems of weight gain, obesity, and health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 909. A bill to expand eligibility for governmental markers for marked graves of veterans at private cemeteries; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 910. A bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Ms. COLLINS):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution honoring the life and legacy of Frederick William Augustus von Steuben and recognizing his contributions on the 275th anniversary of his birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs.