

that the prohibition on disclosure of maritime transportation security information is not used inappropriately to shield certain other information from public disclosure, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-387).

Report to accompany S. 2870, a bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-388).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted on December 22, 2010:

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

[Treaty Doc. 110-23 Investment Treaty with Rwanda with one declaration (Ex. Rept. 111-8)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

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 Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), 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:

Articles 3 through 10 and other provisions that qualify or create exceptions to these Articles are self-executing. With the exception of these Articles, the Treaty is not self-executing. None of the provisions in this Treaty confers a private right of action.

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. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 4052. A bill to require the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to fully insure Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 4053. A bill to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 4054. A bill to restore the law governing pleading and pleading motions that existed before the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Bell Atlantic v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544 (2007), and *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S. Ct. 1937 (2009); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. HAGAN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 4055. A bill to extend trade adjustment assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 4056. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax return information for the purposes of missing or exploited children investigations; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 4057. A bill to provide for an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 4058. A bill to extend certain expiring provisions providing enhanced protections for servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosure; considered and passed.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 4059. A bill to authorize the Department of House and Urban Development to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities, by revitalizing severely distressed housing, and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, educational opportunities, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs; 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. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 705. A resolution providing for a technical correction to S. Res. 700; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KYL):

S. Res. 706. A resolution extending the authority for the Senate National Security Working Group; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 707. A resolution honoring Lula Davis; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3424

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3424, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

AMENDMENT NO. 4892

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4892 proposed to Treaty Doc. 111-5, treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol.

AMENDMENT NO. 4904

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4904 proposed to Treaty Doc. 111-5, treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol.

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4904 proposed to Treaty Doc. 111-5, supra.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 4054. A bill to restore the law governing pleading and pleading motions that existed before the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Bell Atlantic v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544 (2007), and *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S. Ct. 1937 (2009); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, last year I introduced the Notice Pleading Restoration Act of 2009, H.R. 1504. As I explained in my accompanying floor statement, my objective was to restore the pleading standard that had governed federal civil practice if not since the Federal Rules of Procedure originally took effect in 1938, then at very least since the Supreme Court decided *Conley v. Gibson* in 1957. Several months earlier the Supreme Court had issued the second of two controversial decisions—*Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 2007, and *Iqbal v. Ashcroft*, 2009—in which it had replaced that standard with a heightened pleading standard that, not least among its several flaws, was plainly inconsistent with the original meaning of the Federal Rules. My concern was not only that the Court had closed the courthouse doors to plaintiffs with meritorious claims and limited the private enforcement of public law, but also that, in yet another of its recent incursions on Congress's lawmaking powers, it had end-run the process for amending the Rules established by the Rules Enabling Act of 1934. That process includes, as its last step, Congressional approval of any amendment.

While there was widespread agreement among the country's leading academic proceduralists on the need for legislation overruling the Court's decisions, there was much less agreement among them as to what, exactly, the