

Plan" (FRL7132-5) received on January 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5199. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Requirements on Variability in the Composition of Additives Certified Under the Gasoline Deposit Control Program; Partial Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL7132-3) received on January 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5200. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relaxation of Summer Gasoline Volatility Standard for the Denver/Boulder Area" (FRL7130-9) received on January 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5201. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Removal of Restrictions on Certain Fire Suppression Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances; and Listing of Substitutes" (FRL7130-7) received on January 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5202. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines on Awarding Section 319 Grants to Indian Tribes in FY 2002" received on January 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5203. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey Reasonable Further Progress Plans, Transportation Conformity Budgets and 1-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstrations State Implementation Plans" (FRL7132-4) received on January 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5204. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for *Carex lutea* (Golden Sedge)" (RIN1018-AF68) received on January 23, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Pursuant to a unanimous consent agreement of January 25, 2002, the Committee on Finance was discharged of the following nominations:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Edward Kingman, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Edward Kingman, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury.

Pursuant to a unanimous consent agreement of January 25, 2002, the Committee on Health, Labor, and Pensions was discharged of the following nominations:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Samuel T. Mok, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Jack Martin, of Michigan, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Eve Slater, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Andrea G. Barthwell, of Illinois, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

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. McCONNELL:

S. 1898. A bill to establish the Green River National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Kentucky; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 666

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of completed contract method of accounting in the case of certain long-term naval vessel construction contracts.

S. 1209

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1209, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to consolidate and improve the trade adjustment assistance programs, to provide community-based economic development assistance for trade-affected communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1280

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1280, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1476, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment under the Medicare Program for

four hemodialysis treatments per week for certain patients, to provide for an increased update in the composite payment rate for dialysis treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1644

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1644, a bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. RES. 182

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 182, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should allocate significantly more resources to combat global poverty.

S. CON. RES. 94

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 94, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public awareness and education about the importance of health care coverage is of the utmost priority and that a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month should be established to promote that awareness and education.

AMENDMENT NO. 2705

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWBACK) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2705.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. 1898. A bill to establish the Green River National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Kentucky; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Green River National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2002. Seven years ago Kentucky was the only State in the Nation that did not have its own national wildlife refuge. I was proud to remedy this problem by helping enact legislation to establish the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge in Marshall County, KY. Nearly half of the targeted 18,000 acres have been acquired for this refuge, all from willing sellers. And this spring, the refuge headquarters building will be completed.