

EC-4979. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (DeRidder, DeQuincy, and Merryville, LA and Newton, TX)" (MM Doc. No. 02-56) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4980. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 68.4 of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones" (FCC03-168) received on October 27, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4981. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Provision of Improved Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, Order on Reconstruction" (FCC03-46) received on October 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4982. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Operation of NGSO FSS Systems Co Frequency with GSO and Terrestrial Systems in the Ku Band Frequency Range (Second Memorandum Opinion and Order)" (FCC03-25) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4983. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2, 25, and 97 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to the Mobile-Satellite Service Above 1 GHz" (FCC03-69) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were:

Paul S. DeGregorio, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of two years.

Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of two years.

Raymundo Martinez III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of four years.

Deforest B. Soaries, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of four years.

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. CRAIG:

S. 1805. A bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued

against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; read the first time.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1806. A bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; read the first time.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1807. A bill to require criminal background checks on all firearms transactions occurring at events that provide a venue for the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or exchange of firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. INHOFE, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1808. A bill to provide for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically women's public colleges or universities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 1809. A bill to provide grants for mental health and substance abuse services for women and children who have been victims of domestic or sexual violence; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 1810. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve treatment for the mental health abuse and substance abuse needs of women with histories of trauma, including domestic and sexual violence; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 1811. A bill to expand research for women in trauma; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Res. 256. A resolution observing the 50th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, affirming the deep cooperation and friendship between the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Korea, and thanking the Republic of Korea for its contributions to the global war on terrorism and to the stabilization and reconstruction of Afghanistan and Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 59, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and

to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to establish new special immigrant categories.

S. 1612

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1612, a bill to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer within the Department of Homeland Security.

S. 1630

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral services, and for other purposes.

S. 1664

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1664, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to provide for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1807. A bill to require criminal background checks on all firearms transactions occurring at events that provide a venue for the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or exchange of firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I take a backseat to no one in my support of Second Amendment rights. But this right, which Americans have fought and died for, does not extend to terrorists, criminals and illegal aliens. That is why I am pleased to announce today a landmark agreement on gun show legislation that I have reached with Senators JACK REED, MIKE DEWINE, and JOE LIEBERMAN.

The bill accomplishes two critical goals: It protects gun shows as a viable business and ongoing enterprise, and it slams the door on criminals, terrorists and illegal aliens who have successfully exploited a loophole in our gun