

“Electronic Filing—Annual Financial and Actuarial Information” (RIN1212-AB01) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1919. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits” received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1920. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Relations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medical Devices; Immunology and Microbiology Devices; Classification of the Automated Fluorescence in situ Hybridization Enumeration Systems” (Docket No. 2005N-0081) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1921. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Relations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Food and Drug Administration Regulations; Drug and Biological Product Consolidation; Addresses; Technical Amendment” received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1922. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Relations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Substances Affirmed as Generally Recognized as Safe: Menhaden Oil” (Docket No. 1999P-5332) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1923. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Imposition of Foreign Policy Controls on Chemical and Biological Weapon End-Uses”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1924. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Closing Pollock Fishing in the West Yakutat District in the Gulf of Alaska” (I.D. No. 032505B) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1925. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Deep Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska” (I.D. No. 032205C) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1926. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Closure of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area and Prohibition of Harvesting; Possessing, or Landing of Yellowtail Flounder from the Entire U.S./Canada Management Area” (I.D. No. 032805B) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1927. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reopening Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (I.D. No. 032305B) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1928. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Temporary Rule for an Emergency Action to Revise a Final Rule Implementing a Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium for Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico” (RIN0648-AS99) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1929. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rule to Revise Regulation Governing Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program” (RIN0648-AS00) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1930. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; 2005 Specifications” (RIN0648-AR57) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1931. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Final Rule for 2005 Specifications” (RIN0648-AR56) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 629. A bill to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems.

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. BIDEN:

S. 893. A bill to make technical corrections in the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004; considered and passed.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CHAFFEE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 894. A bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 895. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 896. A bill to modify the optional method of computing net earnings from self-employment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 897. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the calculation of the reserve allowance for medical benefits of plans sponsored by bona fide associations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 898. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 899. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Kootenai National Forests, Montana, to Jefferson County and Sanders County, Montana, for use as cemeteries and other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 119. A resolution designating April 21, 2005, as “National Kindergarten Recognition Day”; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BOND, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 120. A resolution honoring small businesses during the Small Business Administration’s National Small Business Week, the week beginning April 24, 2005; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 121. A resolution supporting May 2005 as “National Better Hearing and Speech Month” and commending those states that have implemented routine hearing screening for every newborn before the newborn leaves the hospital; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Res. 122. A resolution recognizing the historic efforts of the Republic of Kazakhstan to reduce the threat of weapons of mass destruction through cooperation in the Nunn-Lugar/Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the removal of all nuclear weapons from the territory of Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 39

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island

(Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 39, a bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

S. 132

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 172, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Bipartisan Commission on Medicaid.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to reaffirm the authority of States to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities.

S. 418

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 418, a bill to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 471, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 602

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 602, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally diagnosed conditions.

S. 619

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to improve the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to designate certain functions performed at flight service stations of the Federal Aviation Administration as inherently governmental functions, and for other purposes.

S. 827

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 827, a bill to prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products, milk protein concentrate, or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to establish the Global Health Corps, and for other purposes.

S. 876

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 876, a bill to prohibit human cloning and protect stem cell research.

S.J. RES. 15

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 15, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

S. CON. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 16, a concurrent resolution conveying the sympathy of Congress to the families of the young women murdered in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and encouraging increased United States involvement in bringing an end to these crimes.

S. RES. 116

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 116, a resolution commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Frederick C. Branch.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 895. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clear, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, in the 1746 Poor Richard's Almanac, Benjamin Franklin wrote, "When the well is dry, we learn the worth of water." Nowhere is the bottom of the well approaching more quickly than in western United States. Nearly depleted aquifers and deteriorated infrastructure on which our small and rural communities rely coupled with their inability to raise large amounts of capital to afford water infrastructure has resulted in substantial want. When the water dries up, so will many of our communities. As such, the scarcity of water in rural western communities is a dire situation.

An article appearing on April 15, 2005 in the Wall Street Journal elucidates the breadth of our Nation's water infrastructure need. The article states that most water infrastructure and water treatment plants in the U.S. are more than 50 years old and, in many cases, are more than 100 years old. The huge capital outlays needed to rehabilitate this aging and, in many cases, deteriorated infrastructure far exceeds the ability of many rural communities to pay. Neither can these communities accommodate the costs in their rate structures nor are the necessary capital outlays within their bonding capacity. Exacerbating this problem is that, in many western states such as