

EC-2103. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the authorization of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2104. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the authorization of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2105. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the authorization of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2106. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the authorization of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2107. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Multiyear Contracting" (DFARS Case 2004-D024) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2108. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Contract Performance Outside the United States" (DFARS Case 2004-D001) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2109. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personal Services Contracts" (DFARS Case 2003-D103) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2110. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unique Item Identification and Valuation" (DFARS Case 2003-D081) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2111. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Trade and Employment Effects of the Andean Trade Preference Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2112. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Andean Trade Preference Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2113. A communication from the Chairman, Advisory Committee for Trade Policy Negotiations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Committee's report on the Extension of Trade Promotion Authority; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2114. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2115. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of and investigation entitled "The Impact of Trade Agreements Implemented Under Trade Promotion Authority"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2116. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Use of Specific Claims Payment Error Rates to Improve Effectiveness and Performance of Medicare Contractor Provider Education and Outreach Programs"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2117. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Annual Payment Rate Updates, Policy Changes, and Clarification" (RIN0938-AN28) received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2118. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Update of Ambulatory Surgical Center List of Covered Procedures" (CMS-1478-IFC) received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2119. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diesel Fuel and Kerosene Excise Tax; Dye Injection" ((RIN1545-BE44)(TD 9199)) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2120. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 29 Inflation Adjustment Factor" (Notice 2005-33) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2121. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Rebates" ((Rev. Rul. 2005-28)(RR-142416-02)) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2122. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Submission under Rev. Rul. 2005-6" (Notice 2005-35) received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2123. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Election and Notice Provisions of Section 104 of the Pension Funding Equity Act" (Notice 2005-40) received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2124. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Dividends by a RIC" (Rev. Rul. 2005-31) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2125. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Consent to Change to the Alternative Tax Book Value Method for Expense Appointment" (Rev. Proc. 2005-28) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2126. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation relative to extending the life of the United States Parole Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2127. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2128. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2004 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2129. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2130. A communication from Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Fiscal Year 2004 Performance Highlights Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2131. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report summarizing its activities for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2132. A communication from the President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), transmitting, pursuant to law, OPIC's Management Report for Fiscal Year 2004, the OPIC Fiscal Year 2006 Performance Budget, OPIC Fiscal Year 2004 Performance and Accountability Report, a Report on Development and U.S. Effects of OPIC's Fiscal Year 2004 Projects, a Report on Cooperation with Private Insurers, and a Report on the Environment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 536. A bill to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-67).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### 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. SANTORUM:

S. 1008. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to add meningococcal vaccines to the list of taxable vaccines for purposes of the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1009. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to extend certain water contracts in Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1010. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1011. A bill to establish a national historic country store preservation program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1012. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1013. A bill to improve the allocation of grants through the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1014. A bill to provide additional relief for small business owners ordered to active duty as members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 1015. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 1016. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate the facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1017. A bill to reauthorize grants from the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. 1018. A bill to provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1019. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to increase benefits for members of the Armed Forces who, after September 11, 2001, serve on active duty outside the United States or its territories or possessions as part of a contingency operation (including a humanitarian operation, peacekeeping operation, or similar operation) or a combat operation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1020. A bill to make the United States competitive in a global economy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1021. A bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1022. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for an energy efficient appliance credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1023. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Digital Opportunity Investment Trust; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1024. A bill to revitalize suburban communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1025. A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas, and for other purposes" to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1026. A bill to ensure that offshore energy development on the outer Continental Shelf continues to serve the needs of the United States, to create opportunities for new development and the use of alternative resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 1027. A bill to exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits under section 263A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1028. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the protection of members of the Armed Forces and their spouses from unscrupulous financial services sales practices through increased consumer education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1029. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand college access and increase college persistence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1030. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to simplify and improve the process of applying for student assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1031. A bill to enhance the reliability of the electric system; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1032. A bill to improve seaport security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1033. A bill to improve border security and immigration; 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. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. Res. 136. A resolution designating the month of May 2005 as "National Drug Court Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 137. A resolution designating May 1, 2005, as "National Child Care Worthy Wage Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Res. 138. A resolution designating July 23, 2005, "National Day of the American Cowboy"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 139. A resolution expressing support for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Georgia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. Res. 140. A resolution expressing support for the historic meeting in Havana of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, as well as to all those courageous individuals who continue to advance liberty and democracy for the Cuban people; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 141. A resolution designating September 9, 2005, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation should issue a clear and unambiguous statement of admission and condemnation of the illegal occupation and annexation by the Soviet Union from 1940 to 1991 of the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

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At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr.