

EC-6446. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending December 31, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6447. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, (25) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6448. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incentive Program for Purchase of Capital Assets Manufactured in the United States" (DFARS Case 2005-D003) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6449. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (12) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6450. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the closure of the Defense commissary store at Camp Hialeah, South Korea by July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6451. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the closure of the Defense commissary store at Bad Kissingen (Daley Village Army housing area), Germany by July 14, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6452. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's STARBASE Program 2005 Annual Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6453. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the report of proposed legislation relative to amending Section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### 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 Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2636. A bill to provide an immediate Federal income tax rebate to help taxpayers with higher fuel costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2637. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 1, 4-Benzquinone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2638. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2-Methylhydroquinone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2639. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on o-Anisidine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2640. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Benzoic acid 3,4,5-trihydroxy-, propyl ester; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2641. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2,4-Xylidine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2642. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to add a provision relating to reporting and recordkeeping for positions involving energy commodities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2643. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 2644. A bill to harmonize rate setting standards for copyright licenses under sections 112 and 114 of title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2645. A bill to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2646. A bill to create a 3-year pilot program that makes small, nonprofit child care businesses eligible for loans under title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 2647. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain acrylic fiber tow imported in the form of 6 sub-bundles; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2648. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain acrylic fiber tow; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2649. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to provide emergency disaster assistance to mitigate the economic losses caused by the declining Klamath River salmon and to develop and implement a research and recovery plan for Klamath River salmon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2650. A bill to designate the Federal courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Federal Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2651. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 34. A joint resolution expressing United States policy on Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 441. A resolution expressing the support of the Senate for the reconvening of the Parliament of Nepal and for an immediate, peaceful transition to democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. Res. 442. A resolution expressing the deep disappointment of the Senate with respect to the election of Iran to a leadership position in the United Nations Disarmament Commission and requesting the President to withhold funding to the United Nations unless credible reforms are made; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 443. A resolution relative to the death of Francis R. Valeo, former Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 444. A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Jewish Committee; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CHAFFEE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. Res. 445. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 351

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) 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. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became

disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to allow Congress, State legislatures, and regulatory agencies to determine appropriate laws, rules, and regulations to address the problems of weight gain, obesity, and health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 914, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1515, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve access to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid Program.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health

and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

S. 1801

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1801, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1906, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders from income and employment taxes and wage withholding.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections relating to the reputation and meaning of the Medal of Honor and other military decorations and awards, and for other purposes.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the Social Security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide to assistant United States attorneys the same retirement benefits as are afforded to Federal law enforcement officers.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to enhance protection of children from sexual exploitation by strengthening section 2257 of title 18, United States Code, requiring producers of sexually explicit material to keep and permit inspection of records regarding the age of performers, and for other purposes.

S. 2181

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for an offset from the Medicaid clawback for State prescription drug expenditures for covered part D drugs for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 2251

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr.

NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2251, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal the ultra-deep-water and unconventional onshore natural gas and other petroleum research and development program.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 2321, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille.

S. 2370

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2370, a bill to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2399

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2399, a bill to prohibit termination of employment of volunteers firefighters and emergency medical personnel responding to emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2409

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2409, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 2414

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2414, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require broker reporting of customer's basis in securities transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 2422

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2422, a bill to establish a Conservation and Habitat Restoration Fund and to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide grants to States for coastal zone management, coastal wetlands conservation, coastal land protection, and fisheries habitat restoration, and to improve understanding of coastal areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2487

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2487, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing

the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 2493

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2493, a bill to provide for disclosure of fire safety standards and measures with respect to campus buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 2548

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2548, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

S. 2556

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 2556, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to reform of executive compensation in corporate bankruptcies.

S. 2557

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2557, a bill to improve competition in the oil and gas industry, to strengthen antitrust enforcement with regard to industry mergers, and for other purposes.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2562, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

S. 2563

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2563, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 2593

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2593, a bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's

freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 2617

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2617, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the costs to retired members of the Armed Forces of health care services under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 182

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 182, a resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

S. RES. 313

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 313, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic.

S. RES. 409

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 409, a resolution supporting democracy, development, and stabilization in Haiti.

S. RES. 439

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 439, a resolution designating the third week of April 2006 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week".

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2643. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Native American Meth Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2006.

Unfortunately, when Congress passed the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act, tribes were unintentionally left out as eligible applicants in some of the newly-authorized grant pro-

grams. The bill I am introducing today, along with Senators SMITH, BAUCUS, CANTWELL, INOUE, JOHNSON, FEINSTEIN, FEINGOLD, MURRAY, and SALAZAR, would simply ensure that tribes are able to apply for these funds and give Native American communities the resources they need to fight scourge of methamphetamine use.

The recently-enacted Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 authorized new funding for three grant programs. The Act authorized \$99 million in new funding for the COPS Hot Spots program, which helps local law enforcement agencies obtain the tools they need reduce the production, distribution, and use of meth. Funding may also be used to clean up meth labs, support health and environmental agencies, and to purchase equipment and support systems.

The Act also authorized \$20 million for a Drug-Endangered Children grant program to provide comprehensive services to assist children who live in a home in which meth has been used, manufactured, or sold. Under this program, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, child protective services, social services, and health care services, work together to ensure that these children get the help they need.

In addition, the Combat Meth Act authorized grants to be made to address the use of meth among pregnant and parenting women offenders. The Pregnant and Parenting Offenders program is aimed at facilitating collaboration between the criminal justice, child welfare, and State substance abuse systems in order to reduce the use of drugs by pregnant women and those with dependent children.

Although tribes are eligible applicants under the Pregnant and Parenting Offenders program, they were not included as eligible applicants under either the Hot Spots program or the Drug-Endangered Children program. I see no reason why tribes should not be able to access all of these funds.

Meth use has had a devastating impact in communities throughout the country, and Indian Country is no exception. Last month there was an article in the Gallup Independent newspaper about a Navajo grandmother, her daughter, and granddaughter, who were all arrested for selling meth. There was also a one-year-old child in the home when police executed the arrest warrant. It is absolutely disheartening to hear about cases such as this, with three generations of a family destroyed by meth.

I strongly believe that we need to do everything we can to assist communities as they struggle to deal with the consequences of meth, and ensuring that Native American communities are able to access these funds is an important first step. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important measure.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. FRIST):