

Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Contracting Methods" (DFARS Case 2003-D079) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7036. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 06-114-06-124); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7037. A communication from the Acting Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, reports relative to a series of studies on the "Muslim World"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7038. A communication from the Acting U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the 13th Board meeting of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria held in Geneva, Switzerland, from April 27-28, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7039. A communication from the Acting U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief—Bringing Hope: Supplying Antiretroviral Drugs for HIV/AIDS Treatment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7040. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report providing information on steps taken by the U.S. Government to bring about an end to the Arab League boycott of Israel and to expand the process of normalization between Israel and the Arab League countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7041. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7042. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment valued (in terms of its original cost) at \$14,000,000 or more from the Government of the Netherlands to the Government of the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7043. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2006 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7044. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determining Average Manufacturer Prices for Prescription Drugs Under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7045. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules for Helping Blind and Disabled Individuals Achieve Self-Support" (RIN0960-AG00) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7046. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for the Digestive Listings" (RIN0960-AG39) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7047. A communication from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Entry for Unassembled or Disassembled Entities Imported on Multiple Conveyances" (RIN1505-AB34) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7048. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Office of Executive Secretariat, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Procedures for Notifying the Public of Premium Processing Service Designations and Availability" (RIN1615-AB40) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7049. 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; State Health Insurance Assistance Program" (RIN 0938-AJ67) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7050. 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 and Medicaid Programs; Conditions for Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs)" (RIN 0938-AK81) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrew J. Guilford, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Charles P. Rosenberg, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

(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. BROWNBACK:

S. 3477. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain athletic footwear valued at not over \$2.50; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. TALENT):

S. 3478. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act relating to the statute of limitations that applies to certain claims; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 3479. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on numerous other seals made of rubber or silicone, and covered with, or reinforced with, a fabric material; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3480. A bill to prevent abuse of Government credit cards; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 3481. A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to submit a report to Congress on the compliance of the Postal Service with procedural requirements in the closing of the postal sorting facility in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3482. A bill to provide for the establishment of a volunteer corps to aid in the dissemination and distribution of vaccines and other countermeasures during a public health emergency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 3483. A bill to improve national competitiveness through enhanced education initiatives; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3484. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the food labeling requirements of the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 to enable customers to make informed choices about the nutritional content of standard menu items in large chain restaurants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 3485. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. STABENOW)):

S. 3486. A bill to protect the privacy of veterans, spouses of veterans, and other persons affected by the security breach at the Department of Veterans Affairs on May 3, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3487. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and improve the disaster loan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 505. A resolution authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 506. A resolution to designate the period beginning on June 5, 2006, and ending on June 8, 2006, as "National Health IT Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FRIST, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. REID, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Con. Res. 98. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 39th anniversary of the reunification of the city of Jerusalem; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 602

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor 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. 707

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1330

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for employer-provided employee housing assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1522

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1522, a bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1522, *supra*.

S. 1537

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S.

1537, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.

S. 1575

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1575, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration program to increase the number of doctorally-prepared nurse faculty.

S. 1687

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1687, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to amend selected statutes to clarify existing Federal law as to the treatment of students privately educated at home under State law.

S. 1741

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1741, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area.

S. 1923

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to address small business investment companies licensed to issue participating debentures, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) were added as cosponsors 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. 2243

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2243, a bill to make college more affordable by expanding and enhancing financial aid options for students and their families and providing loan forgiveness opportunities for pub-

lic service employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2393

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2393, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 2416

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2416, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.

S. 2435

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2435, a bill to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2461

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2461, a bill to prohibit United States assistance to develop or promote any rail connections or railway-related connections that traverse or connect Baku, Azerbaijan, Tbilisi, Georgia, and Kars, Turkey, and that specifically exclude cities in Armenia.

S. 2467

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2467, a bill to enhance and improve the trade relations of the United States by strengthening United States trade enforcement efforts and encouraging United States trading partners to adhere to the rules and norms of international trade, and for other purposes.

S. 2503

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2503, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an extension of the period of limitation to file claims for refunds on account of disability determinations by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 2566

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.