

Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administration of VA Educational Benefits—Centralized Certification" (RIN2900-AL43) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 496. A bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 110-63).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 163. A bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-64).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1321. An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, energy efficiency, and carbon capture and storage, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-65).

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. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1312. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board; read the first time.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1313. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide relief for servicemembers with respect to contracts for cellular phone service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1314. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1315. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1316. A bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr.

BAYH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. REID, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. REED):

S. 1317. A bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BOND, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1318. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to preserve affordable housing in multifamily housing units which are sold or exchanged; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1319. A bill to provide for the conversion of a temporary judgeship for the district of Hawaii to a permanent judgeship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1320. A bill to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings, to prohibit terrorist kidnappings and sexual assaults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1321. An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, energy efficiency, and carbon capture and storage, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1322. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1323. A bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)):

S. 1324. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuel sold in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 189. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in District of Columbia v. Ellen E. Barfield, Eve-Leona Tetaz, Jeffrey A. Leys, and Jerome A. Zawada; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 190. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Nation to the community of Greensburg, Kansas; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 276

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 276, a bill to strengthen the consequences of the fraudulent use of United States or foreign passports and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period.