

No. 8352-2) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5300. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetic Acid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8350-8) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5301. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, its semiannual report relative to monetary policy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5302. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funds provided for Federal-aid highway and safety construction programs; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5303. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Critical Skills Retention Bonus program for military personnel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5304. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8530-7) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5305. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio" (FRL No. 8533-8) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5306. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8535-9) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5307. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas to Attainment and Approval of the Areas' Maintenance Plans and 2002 Base-Year Inventories; Correction" (FRL No. 8536-6) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5308. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8536-5) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5309. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; VOC and NOx RACT Determinations for Merck and Co., Inc." (FRL No. 8536-4) received on

February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5310. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegated Authority to Order Use of Procedures for Access to Certain Sensitive Unclassified Information" (RIN3150-AI32) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5311. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fuel Cell Motor Vehicle Credit" (Notice 2008-33) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5312. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary Closing Agreement Program for Issuers of Tax-Exempt Bonds and Tax Credit Bonds" (Notice 2008-31) received on February 27, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5313. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5314. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variations, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mine Rescue Teams" (RIN1219-AB53) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5315. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Community Services Block Grant Act Discretionary Activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5316. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Attorney General, received on February 27, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5317. A communication from the Director, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of Citizenship and Immigration Services for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON MARCH 4, 2008

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 1675. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service (Rept. No. 110-271).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1469. A bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Rept. No. 110-272).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2798. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-273).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. *J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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 Mrs. DOLE:

S. 2703. A bill to reduce the reporting and certification burdens for certain financial institutions of sections 302 and 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2704. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of services of qualified respiratory therapists performed under the general supervision of a physician; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2705. A bill to authorize programs to increase the number of nurses within the Armed Forces through assistance for service as nurse faculty or education as nurses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 2706. A bill to impose a limitation on lifetime aggregate limits imposed by health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2707. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2708. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to attract and retain trained health care professionals and direct care workers dedicated to providing quality care to the growing population of older Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2709. A bill to increase the criminal penalties for illegally reentering the United States and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2710. A bill to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to use an employer's