

the Australia Group; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-551. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-552. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Secure Our Schools Program, FY 2008—Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 336. An original bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-3).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Donald A. Haught and ending with Colonel William M. Ziegler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. John M. Croley and ending with Brig. Gen. Tracy L. Garrett, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2009.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Peter M. Aylward and ending with Colonel Michael T. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 14, 2009.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Edmund P. Zynda II, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Daniel C. Gibson, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Donald L. Marshall and ending with Charles E. Peterson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Paul J. Cushman and ending with Luis F. Sambolin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Christopher S. Allen and ending with Deepa Hariprasad, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nomination of Ryan R. Pendleton, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Howard L. Duncan, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jeffrey R. Grunow and ending with Pamela T. Scott, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nomination of Eugene M. Gaspard, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael R. Powell and ending with Valerie R. Taylor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Mary Elizabeth Brown and ending with Gerald J. Laursen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Gary R. Califf and ending with C. Michael Padazinski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Stephen Scott Baker and ending with Phillip E. Parker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Joseph Allen Banna and ending with Joseph Tock, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Keith A. Acree and ending with Steven L. Youssi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Army nomination of Scott A. Gronewold, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Robert L. Kaspar, Jr. and ending with David K. Scales, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Army nomination of Emmett W. Mosley, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Andrew C. Meverden and ending with April M. Snyder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Army nominations beginning with Douglas M. Coldwell and ending with Stephen Montaldi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Army nomination of Thomas S. Carey, to be Major.

Army nomination of Scottie M. Eppler, to be Major.

Army nomination of Pierre R. Pierce, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Cheryl A. Creamer and ending with Aga E. Kirby, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Army nominations beginning with Kathryn A. Belill and ending with Suzanne R. Todd, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Army nominations beginning with Christopher Allen and ending with D060522, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Army nominations beginning with John L. Ament and ending with Wendy G. Woodall,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Army nominations beginning with Terryl L. Aitken and ending with Sarahtyah T. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nomination of Matthew E. Sutton, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Andrew N. Sullivan, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Tracy G. Brooks, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Peter M. Barack, Jr. and ending with Jacob D. Leighty III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with David G. Boone and ending with James A. Jones, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with William A. Burwell and ending with Balwinder K. Rawalayvandevoort, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Kurt J. Hastings and ending with Calvin W. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with James P. Miller, Jr. and ending with Marc Tarter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nomination of David S. Pummell, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Robert M. Manning, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Michael A. Symes, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Paul A. Shirley, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Richard D. Kohler, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Julie C. Hendrix and ending with Mauro Morales, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Christopher N. Norris and ending with Samuel W. Spencer III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Anthony M. Nesbit and ending with Paul Zacharuk, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Gregory R. Biehl and ending with Bryan S. Teet, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Travis R. Avent and ending with Gregg R. Edwards, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jose A. Falche and ending with Clennon Roe III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Keith D. Burgess and ending with Brian J. Spooner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Mark L. Hobin and ending with Terry G. Norris, which nominations were received by

the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Kevin J. Anderson and ending with Edward P. Wojnarowski, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Navy nomination of Steven J. Shauberg, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Karen M. Stokes, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Craig W. Aimone and ending with Matthew M. Wills, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

(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. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 330. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 331. A bill to increase the number of Federal law enforcement officials investigating and prosecuting financial fraud; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 332. A bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 333. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction against individual income tax for interest on indebtedness and for State sales and excise taxes with respect to the purchase of certain motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 334. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Moldova; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 335. A bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to repeal a fee imposed by States on certain child support collections; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 336. An original bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 22. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 23. A resolution honoring the life of Andrew Wyeth; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 66

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 66, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions.

S. 96

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 96, a bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 133

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to prohibit any recipient of emergency Federal economic assistance from using such funds for lobbying expenditures or political contributions, to improve transparency, enhance accountability, encourage responsible corporate governance, and for other purposes.

S. 213

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 213, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier, and for other purposes.

S. 256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 271

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 271, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to accelerate

the production and adoption of plug-in electric vehicles and related component parts.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 298, a bill to establish a Financial Markets Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 328

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 328, a bill to postpone the DTV transition date.

S. RES. 9

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 9, a resolution commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 330. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, in the 6 years since Congress passed the Medicare Modernization Act, life for seniors has become increasingly difficult. The majority of seniors live on a fixed income, but face the challenge of paying more with less as the costs for everything continue to rise. Housing costs, basic nutrition, and healthcare needs are more expensive.

The addition of a prescription drug benefit to Medicare was long overdue, and many senior citizens and people with disabilities are relieved to finally have drug coverage. But the drug benefit was not structured like the rest of Medicare. For all other Medicare benefits, seniors can choose whether to receive benefits directly through Medicare or through a private insurance plan. The overwhelming majority choose the Medicare-run option for their hospital and physician coverage.