EC 6359. A communication from the Director of the 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. 9670 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6360. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Consumer Products and AIM Rules'' (FRL No. 9663 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6361. 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 ''Extension of Interim Guidance on Modification of Section 833 Treatment of Certain Health Organizations'' (Notice 2012 37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6362. 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 ''Discharge of Partnership Excess Nonrecourse Indebtedness'' (Rev. Rul. 2012 14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6363. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Medicare and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Disallowance of Claims for FFP and Technical Corrections'' (CMS 2292 F) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6364. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2012 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6365. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6366. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6367. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Report on Final Action for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6368. A communication from the Administrator of the Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6369. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6370. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6371. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6372. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6373. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Agriculture's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6374. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6375. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Interior's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6376. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Health and Human Service's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6377. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Labor for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6378. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6379. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6380. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 and the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6381. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6382. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. COBURN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 3266. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3267. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 3268. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. LEE, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 3269. A bill to provide that no United States assistance may be provided to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed; read the first time.

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

S. 3270. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the resources of individuals applying for pension that were recently disposed of by the individuals for less than fair market value when determining the eligibility of such individuals for such pension, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KYL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. Res. 482. A resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the United States Chamber of Commerce; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 483. A resolution commending efforts to promote and enhance public safety on the need for yellow corrugated stainless steel tubing bonding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 484. A resolution designating June 7, 2012, as ''National Hunger Awareness Day''; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 485. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Common Cause, et al. v. Joseph R. Biden, et al; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WEBB:

S. Con. Res. 46. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that an appropriate site at the former Navy Dive School at the Washington Navy Yard should be provided for the Man in the Sea Memorial Monument to honor the members of the Armed Forces who have served as divers and whose service in defense of the United States has been carried out beneath the waters of the world; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 47. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus over all of the territory of the island of Cypress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 482—CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KYL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. JOHANNS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 482

Whereas the United States Chamber of Commerce (referred to in this preamble as the ''Chamber'') was founded on April 22, 1912, at the request of President William Howard Taft, thereby creating a unified voice for business in the United States;

Whereas, on that date, President Taft supported the creation of the Chamber by declaring before 700 delegates from businesses, chambers, and associations representing every State, ''We want your assistance in carrying on the government in reference to those matters that affect the business and the business welfare of the country, and we do not wish to limit your discretion in that matter. We wish that your advice should be as free and unrestricted as possible, but we need your assistance and we ask for it.'';

Whereas, during the 100 years since its founding, the Chamber has represented and advocated the interests of the business community in Washington, DC, across the United States, and around the world;

Whereas the Chamber continues to give voice to business in the United States and rally the business community around policies that create jobs and grow the economy;

Whereas the Chamber is committed to preserving and advancing free market principles and the free enterprise system of the United States, which has created growth, opportunities, innovation, and jobs, and has empowered generations of individuals in the United States to fulfill the American dream;

Whereas, for a century, the Chamber has played an instrumental role in major pieces of legislation on trade, infrastructure, energy, and a host of other issues integral to generating economic growth, supporting the business community, and creating jobs in the United States; and

Whereas, for the next 100 years, and well beyond, the Chamber will continue to work to restore and strengthen the prosperity and competitiveness of the United States and will continue to represent the interests of businesses in the United States of every size, sector, and region before Congress, the executive branch, the courts, and the court of public opinion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the United States Chamber of Commerce on its 100th anniversary.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today I am submitting a resolution congratulating the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on defending and advancing free market principles for the past 100 years.

For a century, the Chamber has helped business owners all across the country, from the Great Depression to the current fiscal crisis our Nation is struggling with today. The chamber and its member chambers and businesses have continued to find ways to help keep our economy growing and businesses hiring.

In 1962, marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the chamber, President Kennedy said: ''The foundation of the Chamber in April of 1912 marked a turning point in the relations between government and business.'' This remains true to this day.

When the Chamber turned 70, President Reagan joked:

> I remember the day you started. And like good wine, you have grown better, not older.

He then quipped:

> The membership of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States is the only thing that has grown faster than the Federal Government—thank heaven!

The free enterprise system is the backbone of the American economy, and nobody embodies it more than the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. So on the year marking the 100th anniversary, I, along with my colleagues, wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the work they do to help businesses grow and create jobs. Through their efforts, millions of Americans have been able to pursue and achieve the American dream.

To the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, thank you for your contribution to society, and congratulations on 100 years of representing and advocating for job creators across our country.

SENATE RESOLUTION 483—COMMENDING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY ON THE NEED FOR YELLOW CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING BONDING

Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 483

Whereas yellow corrugated stainless steel tubing (referred to in this preamble as ''CSST'') is flexible gas piping used to convey natural gas or propane to household appliances in homes and businesses;

Whereas since 1990, yellow CSST has been installed in more than 6,000,000 homes and businesses in the United States;

Whereas field reports and research suggest that if direct or indirect lightning strikes a structure, the risk for electrical arcing between the metal components in a structure with yellow CSST may be reduced by means of equipotential bonding and grounding;

Whereas proper bonding of CSST is defined in section 7.13.2 of the 2009 edition of the NFPA 54: National Fuel Gas Code, and is referenced in info note 2 in section 250.104 of the 2011 edition of the NFPA 70: National Electric Code;

Whereas the National Association of State Fire Marshals supports the proper bonding of yellow CSST to current National Fire Protection Association Code to reduce the possibility of gas leaks and fires from lightning strikes;

Whereas the National Association of State Fire Marshals is working to educate relevant stakeholders, including fire, building, and housing officials, consumers, homeowners, and construction professionals about the need to properly bond yellow CSST in legacy installations and in all new installations in accordance with the most recent building codes and manufacture installation instructions;

Whereas the bonding of yellow CSST in legacy installations is an important public safety matter that merits alerting homeowners, relevant State and local fire, building, and housing officials, and construction professionals such as electricians, contractors, plumbers, inspectors, and home-improvement specialists: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends efforts to promote and enhance public safety and consumer awareness on proper bonding of yellow corrugated stainless steel tubing (referred to in this resolution as ''CSST'') as defined in the National Fire Protection Association Code; and

(2) encourages further educational efforts for the public, relevant building and housing officials, consumers, homeowners, and construction professionals on the need to properly bond yellow CSST retroactively and moving forward in houses that contain the product.

SENATE RESOLUTION 484—DESIGNATING JUNE 7, 2012, AS ''NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY''

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 484

Whereas food insecurity and hunger are a fact of life for millions of individuals in the