

EC-1609. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetamidrid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7705-7) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1610. A communication from the Vice President, Government Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Corporation's intent to submit its annual Legislative and Grant Request for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1611. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2004 Annual Report of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1612. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model SAAB SF340A and 340B Series Airplanes;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0126)) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1613. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A330, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0131)) received on April 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1614. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Hartzell Propeller, Inc. Model HC B3TN 5 T10282 Propellers;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0125)) received on April 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1615. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-400, 400D, and 400F Series Airplanes;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0118)) received on April 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1616. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model SAAB SF340A and SAAB 340B Series Airplanes;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0117)) received on April 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1617. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dassault Model Falcon 10 Series Airplanes;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0116)) received on April 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1618. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 222, 222B, 222U, 230, and 430 Helicopters;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0115)) received on April 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1619. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA Model EMB 135 and 145 Series Airplanes;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0122)) received on April 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1620. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 707-100, 100B, 300B, and E3A Series Airplanes; Model 720 and 720B Series Airplanes; Model 737-100, 200, 200C, 300, 400, and 500 Series Airplanes; and Model 747 Airplanes;" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0121)) received on April 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. CHAMBILSS for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Charles F. Conner, of Indiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

(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. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 761. A bill to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ALLEN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 762. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to increase the minimum allocation provided to states for use in carrying out certain highway programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 763. A bill to direct the Federal Railroad Administration to make welded rail and tank car improvements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 764. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the coordination of prescription drug coverage provided under State pharmaceutical assistance programs with the prescription drug benefit provided under the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 765. A bill to preserve mathematics- and science-based industries in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 766. A bill to remove civil liability barriers that discourage the donation of fire equipment to volunteer fire companies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TALENT, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 767. A bill to establish a Division of Food and Agricultural Science within the National Science Foundation and to authorize funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 768. A bill to provide for comprehensive identity theft prevention; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 104. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate encouraging the active engagement of Americans in world affairs and urging the Secretary of State to take the lead and coordinate with other governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations in creating an online database of international exchange programs and related opportunities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REED, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. Res. 105. A resolution designating April 15, 2005, as National Youth Service Day, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Con. Res. 26. A concurrent resolution honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island

(Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 35

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 35, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the credit for production of electricity from wind.

S. 77

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 77, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve death benefits for the families of deceased members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 103

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 352, a bill to revise certain requirements for H-2B employers and require submission of information regarding H-2B non-immigrants, and for other purposes.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-

2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. 397, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the expensing of environmental remediation costs.

S. 432

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 477

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 477, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include Indian tribes among the entities consulted with respect to activities carried out by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 484, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 487

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 487, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide leave for members of the Armed Forces in connection with adoptions of children, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, a bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to impose sanctions against perpetrators of crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a scholarship and loan repayment program for public health preparedness workforce development to eliminate critical public health preparedness workforce shortages in Federal, State, local, and tribal public health agencies.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 555

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 555, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 582, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the

50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

S. 586

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit.

S. 611

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self management training by designating certified diabetes educators who are recognized by a nationally recognized certifying body and who meet the same quality standards set forth for other providers of diabetes self management training, as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services under part B of the medicare program.

S. 627

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 658

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 658, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit human cloning.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 675

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes.

S. 722

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to improve the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 758

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that the federal excise tax on communication services does not apply to internet access service.

S. RES. 40

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 40, a resolution supporting the goals and ideas of National Time Out Day to promote the adoption of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' universal protocol for preventing errors in the operating room.

S. RES. 82

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 82, a resolution urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union's wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations.

S. RES. 85

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 85, a resolution designating July 23, 2005, and July 22, 2006, as "National Day of the American Cowboy."

AMENDMENT NO. 204

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 204 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

AMENDMENT NO. 316

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 316 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 333

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 333 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 334

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

OBAMA), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 334 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 761. A bill to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce, along with my colleague, Mr. CRAPO, a bill to rename a National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho after the late Morley Nelson. This bill renames it the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

After returning home as a decorated veteran of World War II, having served with the famed 10th Mountain Division in Italy, Morley Nelson recognized the unique importance of the Snake River area for birds of prey. He worked for its protection and various designations, culminating in its establishment by Congress as a National Conservation Area.

Starting in the 1950s, Morley Nelson spent decades convincing ranchers and farmers not to shoot raptors, but rather to accept them as an integral part of the ecosystem.

Morley Nelson raised public awareness about birds of prey through scores of speeches with an eagle on his fist, and through dozens of movies and TV specials starring his eagle or hawks, including seven films for Disney.

Morley Nelson recognized the long-standing problem with raptor electrocution from power lines and the associated power outages and even resulting wildfires. In cooperation with Idaho Power, and later with other utilities, he helped develop guards and redesigned power transmission lines to reduce raptor electrocution. This technology has since spread throughout the world.

Morley Nelson once said, "This is where the wind and the cliffs and the birds are. This is where I'll always be." It seems only fitting that the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area should bear his name.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 761

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Act".

SEC. 2. RENAMING OF SNAKE RIVER BIRDS OF PREY NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.

(a) RENAMING.—Public Law 103-64 is amended—

(1) in section 2(2) (16 U.S.C. 460iii-1(2)), by inserting "Morley Nelson" before "Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area"; and

(2) in section 3(a)(1) (16 U.S.C. 460iii-2(a)(1)), by inserting "Morley Nelson" before "Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area shall be deemed to be a reference to the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

(c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Public Law 103-64 is further amended—

(1) in section 3(a)(1) (16 U.S.C. 460iii-2(a)(1)), by striking "(hereafter referred to as the 'conservation area')"; and

(2) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 460iii-3)—

(A) in subsection (a)(2), by striking "Conservation Area" and inserting "conservation area"; and

(B) in subsection (d), by striking "Visitors Center" and inserting "visitors center".

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ALLEN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 762. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to increase the minimum allocation provided to states for use in carrying out certain highway programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Highway Funding Equity Act of 2005. I am joined on a bipartisan basis by Senators LEVIN, DEWINE, STABENOW, CORNYN, ALEXANDER, DEMINT, DOLE, VITTER, MARTINEZ, ISAKSON, NELSON of Florida, LUGAR, BURR, COCHRAN, LOTT, HUTCHISON, CHAMBLISS, BAYH, ALLEN, and LANDRIEU.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, TEA-21 authorized more than \$218 billion for transportation programs and expired in September 2003, but has been extended through May 2005. TEA-21 requires certain States, known as donor States, to transfer to other States a percentage of the revenue from federal highway user fees. Several of these donor States transfer more than 10 percent of every federal highway user fee dollar to other States. As a result, donor States receive a significantly lower rate-of-return on their transportation tax dol-

lars being sent to Washington. Currently, over 25 States, including my State of Ohio, contribute more money to the Highway Trust Fund than they receive back.

My State of Ohio has the Nation's 10th largest highway network, the 5th highest volume of traffic, the 4th largest interstate highway network, and the 2nd largest inventory of bridges in the country. Ohio is a major manufacturing State and is within 600 miles of 50 percent of the population of North America. The interstate highways throughout Ohio and all the donor States provide a vital link to suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, and—consumers.

Maintaining our Nation's highway infrastructure is essential to a robust economy and increasing Ohio's share of federal highway dollars has been a longtime battle of mine. One of my goals when I became Governor 14 years ago was to increase our rate-of-return from 79 percent to 87 percent in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, ISTEA. Then, in 1998, as chairman of the National Governors Association, I lobbied Congress to increase the minimum rate-of-return to 90.5 percent. The goal of the Highway Funding Equity Act of 2005 is to increase the minimum guaranteed rate-of-return to 95 percent.

The Highway Funding Equity Act of 2005 has two components. First, the bill would increase the minimum guaranteed rate-of-return in TEA-21 from 90.5 percent of a State's share of contributions to the Highway Trust Fund to 95 percent. The Minimum Guarantee under TEA-21 includes all major Core highway programs: Interstate Maintenance, National Highway System, Bridge, Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Metropolitan Planning, Recreational Trails, and any funds provided by the Minimum Guarantee itself.

Second, the bill uses the table of percentages now in Section 105 of Title 23 to guarantee States with a population density of less than 50 people per square mile a minimum rate-of-return that may exceed 95 percent of that State's share of Highway Account contributions. This provision is intended to ensure that every State is able to provide the quality of road systems needed for national mobility, economic prosperity, and national defense. Under the 2000 Census, this provision would benefit 15 States: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Increasing donor States' rate of return to 95 percent will send more than \$60 million back to Ohio for road improvements we sorely need. The interstate system was built in the 1950s to serve the demands and traffic of the 1980s. Today, Ohio's infrastructure is functionally obsolete. Nearly every central urban interstate in Ohio is over capacity and plagued with accidents and congestion. Ohio's critical roadways are unable to meet today's traffic demands, much less future traffic which is expected to grow nearly 70