

## MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2360. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1061. A bill to provide for secondary school reform, and for other purposes.

S. 1062. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2231. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report submitted in accordance to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended for October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2232. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Acquisition Challenge Program Fiscal Year 2004"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2233. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2234. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Compensation for Custom Harvesters in Northern Texas" (APHIS Docket No. 03-052-3); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2235. 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 "Alternaria destruens Strain 059; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 7708-3) received on May 16, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2236. 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 "Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7711-9) received on May 16, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2237. A communication from the Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2004 Annual Report of the U.S. Naval Cadet Corps; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2238. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2239. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2240. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Coordination of Provider Education Activities Provided Through Medicare Contractors in Order to Maximize the Effectiveness of Federal Education for Providers of Services and Suppliers"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2241. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Coordinating Care for Medicare Beneficiaries: Early Experiences of 15 Demonstration Programs, their Patients, and Providers"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2242. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2243. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2244. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2245. A communication from the Vice President, Government Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Amtrak Strategic Reform Initiatives and Fiscal Year 2006 Grant Request"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2246. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's Fiscal Year 2004 Competitive Sourcing Efforts; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2247. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook—Research Misconduct" (RIN2700-AD11) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2248. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Resolutions Adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the Parties to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program" ((RIN0648-AS05) (I.D. No. 102004 A)) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2249. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan; Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-AS61) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2250. A communication from the Regulation Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally-Assisted Programs" (RIN2125-AE97) received on May 18, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted with printed report 109-1 with Minority views:

By Mr. LUGAR for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

\*Nomination was reported without recommendation, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond 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 Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1059. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to specify procedures for the conduct of preliminary damage assessments, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to vigorously investigate and prosecute instances of fraud, including fraud in the handling and approval of claims for Federal emergency assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1060. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1061. A bill to provide for secondary school reform, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ARAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. JOHNSON):