

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. AKAKA, 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):

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

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. BURNS, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1063. A bill to promote and enhance public safety and to encourage the rapid deployment of IP-enabled voice services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 1064. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1065. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend child care eligibility for children of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 1066. A bill to authorize the States (and subdivisions thereof), the District of Columbia, territories, and possessions of the United States to provide certain tax incentives to any person for economic development purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1067. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to undertake activities to ensure the provision of services under the PACE program to frail elders living in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1068. A bill to provide for higher education affordability, access, and opportunity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1069. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain cases or containers for toys; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 1070. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain cases for toys; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1071. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain bags for toys; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1072. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on cases for certain children's products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1073. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain children's products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1074. A bill to improve the health of Americans and reduce health care costs by reorienting the Nation's health care system toward prevention, wellness, and self care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 1075. A bill to postpone the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 145. A resolution designating June 2005 as "National Safety Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 146. A resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ALLEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 147. A resolution designating June 2005 as "National Internet Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 148. A resolution to authorize the display of the Senate Leadership Portrait Collection in the Senate Lobby; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 471, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 499

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 499, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect underage consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 603

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of

rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 792

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 792, a bill to establish a National sex offender registration database, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 18

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 18, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 18, supra.

S. RES. 104

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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