

AA64) (2005-0301)) received July 13, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3083. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: CFM International CFM56-5, 5B, and 5C Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0300)) received July 13, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3084. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0299)) received July 13, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 501. A bill to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in the District of Columbia (Rept. No. 109-104).

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. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. CHAFFEE):

S. 1415. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and make technical corrections; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1416. A bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Interagency Council on Homelessness; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1417. A bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FRIST, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. TALENT, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BOND, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1418. A bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide inter operable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1419. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BURR, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1420. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 198. A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1980 worker's strike in Poland and the birth of the Solidarity Trade Union, the first free and independent trade union established in the Soviet-dominated countries of Europe; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 199. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. Res. 200. A resolution honoring the life of Nobel Laureate Jack St. Clair Kilby, inventor of the integrated circuit and innovative leader in the Information Age; considered and agreed to

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 113

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of S. 113, a bill to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust.

S. 246

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 246, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. LEVIN) 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. 350

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 350, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 390

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 390, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysms under part B of the medicare program.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 580

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 580, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain modifications to be made to qualified mortgages held by a REMIC or a grantor trust.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) 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 Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) 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. 754

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to ensure that the Federal student loans are delivered as efficiently as possible, so that there is more grant aid for students.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 1047

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1047, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin, and for other purposes.

S. 1076

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax and income tax credits for the production of biodiesel.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the depreciation recovery period for certain roof systems.

S. 1269

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify certain activities the conduct of which does not require a permit.

S. 1352

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1352, a bill to provide grants to States for improved workplace and community transition training for incarcerated youth offenders.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1370

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1370, a bill to provide for the protection of the flag of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1411, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 19, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of life insurance and recognizing and supporting National Life Insurance Awareness Month.

S. CON. RES. 26

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

S. RES. 42

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 42, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on promoting initiatives to develop an HIV vaccine.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FRIST, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. TALENT, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BOND, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1418. A bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide inter operable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bipartisan bill to im-

prove the quality and efficiency of health care by harnessing the potential of information technology. I am joined in this effort by Senators KENNEDY, FRIST and CLINTON.

In recent weeks, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced legislation to move our health care system into the electronic information age to serve patients better. Separately, Senators FRIST and CLINTON also introduced a bill to spur the adoption of health information technology to improve health care quality.

Both of our bills were referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, which I chair and on which we all serve. All of us put a lot of time and effort into crafting our bills, and we quickly realized that if we took the best of both of our bills and combined them into one, the whole would be much more than the sum of its parts.

All of us believe that if we move from a paper-based health care system to secure electronic medical records, we will reduce mistakes and save lives, time and money. And because we share this goal, we worked together to combine our bills into one piece of legislation that will bring the government and the private sector together to make healthcare better, safer and more efficient by accelerating the adoption of interoperable information technology across our healthcare system.

The sponsors of this bill span the political spectrum, but we still have many things in common. One of our common bonds—in fact, one of the things we have in common with all Americans—is that all of us are, or have been, or will someday be patients. And all of us either have stories to tell about frustrating experiences we've had, or that our family or friends have had, with navigating our health care system.

We have an outstanding health care system in the United States. That's doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement, though. And one of the most important things we need to do in healthcare is to put information technology to work for patients, improving quality while reducing costs.

I want to thank Senators KENNEDY, FRIST and CLINTON for working together in a spirit of bipartisan compromise to mold our separate bills into one measure that will advance our vision of the future of health care. We know President Bush shares our commitment, because he has called for every American to have his or her own electronic health record by the middle of the next decade, and he has his Secretary of Health and Human Services, Michael Leavitt, working assiduously toward this objective.

So I look forward to working with Senators KENNEDY, FRIST, and CLINTON and the rest of my fellow Senators in the coming weeks and months to send this legislation to the President so that we can meet the ambitious goals that we all share.