

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL-8783-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1528. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, a report relative to action taken to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1529. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, a report relative to extending the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Honduras Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1530. 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 Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2009 (RY 2010)" (RIN0938-AP50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1531. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the website address of a report entitled "Country Report on Terrorism 2008"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1532. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the incidental capture of sea turtles in commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1533. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's second FY 2009 quarterly report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1534. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1535. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a draft bill "To authorize an amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development increasing the basic votes of members"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban

Affairs During the 110th Congress Pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate" (Rept. No. 111-17).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Ines R. Triary, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

\*Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

\*Michael Nacht, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*Elizabeth Lee King, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*Wallace C. Gregson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*Air Force nomination of Col. Michael W. Miller, to be Brigadier General.

\*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Marc E. Rogers, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Owen, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert R. Allardice, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Thomas K. Andersen and ending with Brigadier General Janet C. Wolfenbarger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 20, 2009. (minus 2 nominees: Brigadier General Richard T. Devereaux; Brigadier General Noel T. Jones)

\*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Larry O. Spencer, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Navy nomination of Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, to be Admiral.

\*Navy nomination of Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, to be Admiral.

\*Navy nomination of Vice Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr., to be Admiral.

\*Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, to be Vice Admiral.

\*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Richard W. Hunt, to be Vice Admiral.

\*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Mark D. Harnitchek, to be Vice Admiral.

\*Navy nomination of Capt. Mark L. Tidd, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

\*Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brigadier General George J. Allen and ending with Brigadier General John E. Wissler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2009.

\*Marine Corps nominations beginning with Colonel John J. Broadmeadow and ending with Colonel Vincent R. Stewart, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2009.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael F. Adames and ending with Kathryn D. Vanderlinden, which nominations were re-

ceived by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 10, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Paul L. Cannon and ending with Cherri S. Wheeler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 25, 2009.

Air Force nominations beginning with Richard Edward Alford and ending with Richard D. Younts, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 25, 2009.

Air Force nomination of George E. Loughran, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Raymond B. Abarca, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Ian C. B. Diaz, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with William T. Houston and ending with David L. Wells II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 21, 2009.

Army nomination of Elizabeth M. Sherr, to be Major.

Army nomination of Erin T. Doyle, to be Major.

Army nomination of Scott A. Bier, to be Major.

Army nomination of Robert G. Young, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with George R. Berry and ending with Perry W. Sarver, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 21, 2009.

Army nominations beginning with Michael G. Amundson and ending with Paul C. Thorn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 21, 2009.

Army nominations beginning with Buster D. Akers, Jr. and ending with Michael T. Zell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 21, 2009.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John W. Hahn IV and ending with Stephanie L. Malmanger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 21, 2009.

Navy nomination of Michael T. Echols, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Gregory J. Hazlett, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Brian J. Ellis, Jr., to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Jesus S. Moreno, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Colleen L. Jackson, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Gregory P. Mitchell, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Jonathan V. Ahlstrom and ending with Joel E. Yoder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 21, 2009.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(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 Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 983. A bill to reform the essential air service program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 984. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 985. A bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BAYH, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 986. A bill to support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children in foster care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 987. A bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 988. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small businesses to set up simple cafeteria plans to provide nontaxable employee benefits to their employees, to make changes in the requirements for cafeteria plans, flexible spending accounts, and benefits provided under such plans or accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 989. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote energy independence, increase competition, democratize energy generation, and provide for the connection of certain small electric energy generation systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 990. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to expand access to healthy afterschool meals for school children in working families; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 991. A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURR, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 992. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BURR, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Res. 132. A resolution commending the heroic efforts of the people fighting the floods in North Dakota; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 133. A resolution designating May 1 through May 7, 2009, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURR, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 134. A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators at charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education and supporting the ideas and goals of the 10th annual National Charter Schools Week, May 3 through May 9, 2009; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 135. A resolution designating May 8, 2009, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 52

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 52, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide 100 percent reimbursement for medical assistance provided to a Native Hawaiian through a Federally-qualified health center or a Native Hawaiian health care system.

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 407

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

SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 417

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 417, a bill to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act.

S. 421

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 421, a bill to impose a temporary moratorium on the phase out of the Medicare hospice budget neutrality adjustment factor.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 449

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 449, a bill to protect free speech.

S. 454

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 454, a bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 454, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 454, *supra*.

S. 468

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.