

H.R. 5360. To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5458. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require additional disclosures and protections for students and cosigners with respect to student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5494. To direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain properties to the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5591. To designate the airport traffic control tower located at Spokane International Airport in Spokane, Washington, as the "Ray Daves Airport Traffic Control Tower"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5630. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for qualifications for vocational rehabilitation counselors and vocational rehabilitation employment coordinators employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5717. An act to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a facility and to enter into agreements relating to education programs at the National Zoological Park facility in Front Royal, Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 5932. An act to establish the Organized Retail Theft Investigation and Prosecution Unit in the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5986. An act to require the submission of a report to the Congress on parasitic disease among poor Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5993. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that beneficiaries of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance receive financial counseling and disclosure information regarding life insurance payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6008. To ensure telephonic notice of certain incidents involving hazardous liquid and gas pipeline facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6012. To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to review utilization of diabetes screening benefits and make recommendations on outreach programs with respect to such benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6016. An act to provide for a GAO investigation and audit of the operations of the fund created by BP to compensate persons affected by the Gulf oil spill; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6058. An act to ensure that the housing assistance programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs are available to veterans and members of the Armed Forces who have service-connected injuries and to survivors and dependents of veterans and members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6132. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a transition program for new veterans, to improve the disability claim system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6160. An act to develop a rare earth materials program, to amend the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and

Development Act of 1980, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6162. An act to provide research and development authority for alternative coinage materials to the Secretary of the Treasury, increase congressional oversight over coin production, and ensure the continuity of certain numismatic items; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6166. An act to authorize the production of palladium bullion coins to provide affordable opportunities for investments in precious metals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6191. An act to amend the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 to include certain construction and land development loans in the definition of small business lending; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6198. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code to make technical corrections; and for related purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2476. An act to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 847. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4168. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the definition of cellulosic biofuel to include algae-based biofuel for purposes of the cellulosic biofuel producer credit and the special allowance for cellulosic biofuel plant property.

H.R. 4337. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain rules applicable to regulated investment companies, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 29, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2868. An act to provide increased access to the Federal supply schedules of the General Services Administration to the American Red Cross, other qualified organizations, and State and local governments.

S. 3839. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

S. 3847. An act to implement certain defense trade cooperation treaties, and for other purposes.

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-7587. 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 "National Veterinary Accreditation Program; Currently Accredited Veterinarians Performing Accredited Duties and Electing to Participate" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0093) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7588. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluoxastrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8845-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7589. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8844-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7590. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Jeffrey L. Fowler, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7591. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Combined Annual Report of the National Security Education Program for Fiscal Years 2008-09; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7592. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Quarterly Report to Congress on the Status of Significant Unresolved Issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7593. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's first periodic Report to Congress on Infrastructure Needs in the Department of Energy's Aging Defense Nuclear Facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7594. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Motor Carrier Fuel Surcharge" ((RIN)0750-AG30)(DFARS Case 2008-D040) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7595. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2009 Annual Report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7596. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Amending the Iranian Transactions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 560) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on September 25, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7597. A communication from the Secretary, Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Guidance Regarding Auditing, Attestation, and Related Professional Practice Standards Related to Brokers and Dealers" (17 CFR Part 241) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7598. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003 (SAFETEA) and the DestiNY USA Project; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7599. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2010 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Program Advisory Committee Report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7600. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "Strengthening Pipeline Safety and Enforcement Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7601. A communication from the Assistant Director of Program Support, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments 2010" (RIN1029-AC62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7602. A communication from the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Royalty in Kind Program" for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7603. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Determination for Renewable Fuels Produced under the Final RFS2 Program from Canola Oil" (FRL No. 9207-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7604. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 50" (FRL No. 9207-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7605. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule—Newtown Creek" (FRL No. 9207-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7606. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans of Wisconsin: Nitrogen Oxides Reasonably Available Control Technology" (FRL No. 9205-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7607. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Nevada; Redesignation of Las Vegas Valley to Attainment for the Carbon Monoxide Standard" (FRL No. 9204-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7608. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9207-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7609. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Industrial Solvent Cleaning Operations" (FRL No. 9208-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7610. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9208-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7611. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought in Specified Counties" (Notice No. 2010-64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7612. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2010 report (covering trade in calendar year 2009) relative to the impact of the Andean Trade Preference Act on U.S. trade and employment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7613. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the employment of an adequate number of Americans during 2009 by the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7614. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2010 report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7615. A communication from the Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maintenance of Incombustible Content of Rock Dust in Underground Coal Mines" (RIN1219-AB76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7616. A communication from the Deputy Director of Operations, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7617. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "Federal Hiring Modernization Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7618. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to authorization of appropriations for major facility construction projects for fiscal year 2011 and major facility leases for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-145. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Alabama relative to claiming sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over certain powers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people"; and

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United States and no more; and

Whereas, Federalism is the constitutional division of powers between the national and state governments and is widely regarded as one of America's most valuable contributions to political science; and

Whereas, James Madison, "the Father of the Constitution," said, "The powers delegated to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the state governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, [such] as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce. The powers reserved to the several states will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people."; and

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson emphasized that the states are not "subordinate" to the national government, but rather the two are "coordinate departments of one simple and integral whole. The one is the domestic, the