

Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands" (RIN1018-AI30) received on September 3, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8825. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2002-03 Early Season" (RIN1018-AI30) received on September 3, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8826. A communication from the Director, Endangered Species Program, Fish and Wildlife Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Remove *Potentilla robbinsiana* (Robbin's cinquefoil) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants" (RIN1018-AH56) received on August 27, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8827. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; Accessible Pedestrian Signs" (RIN2125-AE83) received on August 27, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8828. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Traffic Control Devices on Federal-Aid and Other Streets and Highways; Color Specifications for Retroreflective Sign and Pavement Marking Materials" (RIN2125-AE67) received on August 27, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8829. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Howard A. Hanson Dam, Green River, Washington; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8830. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for the Northern Great Plains Breeding Population of the Piping Plover" (RIN1018-AH96); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8831. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the Missouri River Mitigation Project; Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8832. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the monthly status report on the Commission's licensing activities and regulatory duties for April 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8833. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on navigation improvements for the Arthur Kill Channel-Howland Hook Marine Terminal, New York and New Jersey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1028: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-253).

S. 1638: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-254).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1944: A bill to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-255).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2519: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System. (Rept. No. 107-256).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2571: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. (Rept. No. 107-257).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2598: A bill to enhance the criminal penalties for illegal trafficking of archaeological resources, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-258).

H.R. 37: A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails. (Rept. No. 107-259).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 38: A bill to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-260).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

H.R. 107: A bill to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-261).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1776: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas. (Rept. No. 107-262).

H.R. 1814: To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Metacomb-Monadnock-Mattabesett Trail extending through western Massachusetts and central Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Trails System. (Rept. No. 107-263).

H.R. 1925: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-264).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 321: A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-265).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted on September 5, 2002:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Reena Raggi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

James Knoll Gardner, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Denny Wade King, of Tennessee, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted on September 6, 2002 under the authority of an order of the Senate of September 5, 2002:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 96-53 CONVENTION OF THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (Exec. Rept. No. 107-9)

### (TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION)

*Resolved* (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women, subject to Reservations, Understandings and Declarations.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, and signed on behalf of the United States of America on July 17, 1980 (Treaty Doc. 96-53), subject to the reservations in Section 2, the understandings in Section 3, and the declarations in Section 4.

### Section 2. Reservations.

The advice and consent of the Senate is subject to the following reservations, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification:

(1) The Constitution and laws of the United States establish extensive protections against discrimination reaching all forms of