

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-1508. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Insurance of State Banks Chartered as Limited Liability Companies 12 CFR Part 303 (RIN3064-AC53)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1644. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administration, Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to amend portions of the regulations governing the halibut fishery under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program (0648-AL97)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1645. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administration, Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Final 2003 Harvest Specifications for the Groundfish Fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1646. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administration, Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Final 2003 Harvest Specifications for the Groundfish Fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1647. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Directed Fishing for Species in the Rock Sole/Flathead Sole/other flatfish" fishery category by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1648. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administration, Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the directed fishing groundfish with non-pelagic trawl gear in the red king crab saving subarea (RKCSS) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1649. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fishery Closure; Inseason prohibition of directed fishing for Pacific cod in the Western Regulatory

Area of Gulf of Alaska (0679)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1650. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors and Catcher Vessels 60 Feet Length Overall and Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1651. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduce the Commercial Trip Limit for the Hook-and-Line Fishery for the Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Southern Florida West" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1652. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Open Meeting: The Science Advisory Board—March 18-19, 2003" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1653. A communication from the Legal Advisor, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Flexibility for Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 G Hz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 G Hz Bands; Review of the Spectrum of the Spectrum Sharing Plan Among Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit Mobile Satellite Service Systems in the 1.6/2.4 G HZ (IB Doc. No. 01-185 & 02-364)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1654. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the activities and the progress made in protecting and restoring living marine resources and the habitat of the Chesapeake Bay; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1655. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to bluefin tuna for 2001-2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1656. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Feasibility of Accelerating the Integrated Deepwater System, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1657. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to grants authorized by the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act of 1965 describing funding to states and other entities for projects that support research on interjurisdictional and anadromous resources, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1658. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate, transmitting, pursuant to the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243), the report relative to the determination that reliance on diplomatic and other peaceful means alone will neither protect the National Security

of the United States nor likely lead to the enforcement of all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq and that the United States and other Countries continue to take the necessary actions against international terrorists and terrorist organizations, including those nations, organizations, or persons who planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, received on March 19, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1659. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the aggregate number, locations, activities, and lengths of assignment for all temporary and permanent United States military personnel and United States individual civilians retained as contractors involved in Plan Columbia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1660. A communication from the Under Secretary of State, Arms Control and International Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 28th edition of World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers (WHEAT), received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1661. A communication from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to funding under FEMA-3170 as a result of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia has exceeded \$5,000,000, received March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1662. A communication from the Director, Inland Waterways Users Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 Annual Report, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1663. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for Two Larkspurs from Coastal Northern California (1018-AG96)" received on March 13, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1664. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for *Sidalcea Keckii* (Keck's checkermallow) (1018-AG93)" received on March 13, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1665. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Air Force pursuing (Air Force/Navy) multi-year procurement (MYP) for CC-130J and KC-130J aircraft for fiscal year FY 2003 through 2008.

EC-1666. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1667. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Submission and Processing of Payment Requests (DFARS Case 2002-D001)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1668. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report rule entitled "Documentation of Immigrants Under the Immigration

and Nationality Act as Amended—Immediate Relative (22 CFR Part 42)” received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1669. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a legislative proposal to restructure the patent fees and adjust trademark fees for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 164. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement (Rept. No. 108-20).

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

S. 212. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, modeling and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-21).

From the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 220. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois (Rept. No. 108-22).

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

S. 278. A bill to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-23).

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

S. 328. A bill to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-24).

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

S. 347. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint 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, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-25).

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

S. 425. A bill to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota (Rept. No. 108-26).

H.R. 397. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois (Rept. No. 108-27).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GREGG for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Kenneth M. Ford, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation.

*Dario Fernandez-Morera, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities.

*Mary Costa, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts.

*Makoto Fujimura, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts.

*Jerry Pinkney, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts.

*Karen Lias Wolff, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts.

*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.

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. REED:

S. 656. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 657. A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants to promote responsible fatherhood, to encourage teen pregnancy prevention strategies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 658. A bill to extend the authority for Energy Savings Performance Contracts and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 659. A bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 660. A bill to extend limitations on certain provisions of State law under the Fair Credit Reporting Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 661. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion

from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 662. A bill to extend to Nepal certain preferential treatment with respect to apparel articles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 663. A bill for the relief of the Pottawatomi Nation in Canada for settlement of certain claims against the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KYL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BUNNING, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. MILLER, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 664. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MILLER, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 665. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for farmers and fisherman, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 666. A bill to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop antivirals, antibiotics and other drugs, vaccines, microbicides, detection, and diagnostic technologies to prevent and treat illnesses associated with a biological, chemical, or radiological weapons attack; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 667. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to strengthen payment limitations for commodity payments and benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 668. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide incentive grants to improve the quality of child care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BAYH, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 669. A bill to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. Con. Res. 24. A concurrent resolution concerning a joint meeting of Congress and