

Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final rule to Authorize and manage a subsistence fishery for Pacific halibut in waters in and off Alaska (0648-AQ09)" received on April 24, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1915. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Endangered Status for a Distinct Population Segment of Smalltooth Sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) in the United States (0648-XA49)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1916. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT) Opportunities for Transfer of Research and Technology into Tropical Cyclone Analysis and Forecast Operations" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1917. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to NASA interagency acquisition policies, received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1918. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Report to Congress on Apportionment of Membership on the Regional Fishery Management Councils (Council); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1919. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the biennial report describing funding to Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Atlantic coast states for projects that support the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1920. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to Atlantic highly migratory species for 2003, received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1921. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Canadian Retirement Plan Trust Reporting (2003-25)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1922. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Estimated Tax Payments (2003-34)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1923. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collectively-bargained welfare benefit funds and section 419A(f)(5) (2003-24)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1924. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debit Instruments with Original Issue Discount, Annuity Contracts (1545-AT60) (TD 8993)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1925. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure for Industry Resolution Program (Rev. Proc. 2003-36)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1926. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2002 Nonconventional Source Fuel Credit (Notice 2003-27)" received on April 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1927. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final TEFRA Regs—Unified Partnership Audit Procedures (1545-AW86)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1928. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusion of qualified automated demonstration use Taxation of non-qualified demonstration use (Rev. Proc. 2001-56)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1929. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of the Conformity Election (2001-59)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1930. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2002-2)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1931. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restaurant Smallwares (Rev. Proc. 2002-12)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1932. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Consent to Change a Method of Accounting (Rev. Proc. 2002-9)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1933. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified 501 (c)(3) Bonds (Notice 2002-10)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1934. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Partial Payments to Assessed Tax, Penalty, and Interest (Rev. Proc. 2002-26)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1935. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted average interest rate update no-

tice (notice 2002-28)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1936. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Notice of Ambulance Fee Schedule in Accordance with Federal District Court Order (0938-AM60)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 11, 2003, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 24, 2003:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 165. A bill to improve air cargo security (Rept. No. 108-38).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 925. An original bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-39).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—April 24, 2003

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 925. An original bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

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. VOINOVICH:

S. 926. A bill to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) (by request):

S. 927. A bill to promote the national security by providing a National Security Personnel System for the Department of Defense; a streamlined acquisition system both efficient and effective in order to provide servicemembers on the battlefield with the most modern and lethal equipment; realistic appropriations and authorization laws responsive to an ever-changing national security environment; and the coordination of the activities of the Department of Defense with other departments and agencies of the Government concerned with national security; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 928. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate any portion of a refund for use by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in providing catastrophic health coverage to individuals who do not otherwise have health coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 929. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 930. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a program to provide assistance to enhance the ability of first responders to prepare for and respond to all hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 114

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 20 percent inpatient limitation under the medicare program on the proportion of hospice care that certain rural hospice programs may provide.

S. 127

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to allow a custodial parent a bad debt deduction for unpaid child support payments, and to require a parent who is chronically delinquent in child support to include the amount of the unpaid obligation in gross income.

S. 224

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 224, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 255

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks; to require fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehi-

cle weight; to increase the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand reimbursement for travel expenses of covered beneficiaries for specialty care in order to cover specialized dental care.

S. 356

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to increase the allowable credit for biodiesel use under the alternatively fueled vehicle purchase requirement.

S. 365

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 365, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a program to make allocations to States for projects to expand 2-lane highways in rural areas to 4-lane highways.

S. 384

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 384, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent corporate expatriation to avoid United States income taxes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 516

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 516, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the arming of pilots of cargo aircraft, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal

civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for Department of Defense funding of continuation of health benefits plan coverage for certain Reserves called or ordered to active duty and their dependents, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the qualified small issue bond provisions.

S. 764

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 764, a bill to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

S. 767

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 767 a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on social security benefits.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to change the requirements for naturalization through service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 797

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 797, a bill to prevent the pretrial release of those who rape or kidnap children, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to assist the States in enforcing laws requiring registration of convicted sex offenders.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to require Federal agencies to establish procedures to facilitate the