

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 854. An act to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

H.R. 1630. An act to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2129. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2960. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalination project.

H.R. 3391. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project.

H.R. 3982. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4389. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4593. An act to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4817. An act to facilitate the resolution of a minor boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California, which were originally conveyed by the United States as part of the right-of-way granted for the construction of transcontinental railroads.

H.R. 5202. An act to clarify the treatment of supplemental appropriations in calculating the rate for operations applicable for continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution recognizing that November 2, 2003, shall be dedicated to "A Tribute to Survivors" at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 304. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding oppression by the Government of the People's Republic of China of Falun Gong in the United States and in China.

H. Con. Res. 415. Concurrent resolution urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the presidential election on October 31, 2004.

H. Con. Res. 496. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with regard to providing humanitarian assistance to countries of the Caribbean devastated by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, with amendments:

S. 144. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to pro-

vide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

S. 1521. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 104(c)(1)(I) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199), and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House, with the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, jointly appoints Mr. Melville Peter Mcpherson of East Lansing, Michigan, Chairman of the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2 14(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), the Minority Leader appoints Douglas H. Palmer of Trenton, New Jersey to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, to fill the remainder of the term of Willie L. Brown, Jr.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 491 of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1098(c)), the order of the House of December 8, 2003, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a 3-year term: Ms. Norine Fuller of Arlington, Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1012(c)(1) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C. 242b note), the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives, to the Commission on Systemic Interoperability: Mr. Gary A. Mecklenburg of Chicago, Illinois and Dr. Don E. Detmer of Crozet, Virginia.

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-9596. A communication from the Senior Paralegal for Regulations, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN 1550-AB48) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9597. A communication from the Senior Paralegal for Regulations, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance: Consolidation of Asset-backed Commercial Paper Programs and Other Related Issues" (RIN 1550-AB79) received on Oc-

tober 4, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9598. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sea Turtle Requirements: Coulon TED Extended Flap Modification" (RIN 0648-AS02) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9599. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Directed Fishing for Yellowfin Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI)" received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9600. A communication from the Chairman, Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Committee's activities carried out during the current two-fiscal year period; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9601. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Energy's competitive sourcing efforts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9602. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) program for fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9603. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement: Potential Economywide and Selected Sectoral Effects"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9604. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA)—Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9605. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2005 Per Diem Rates" (Rev. Proc. 2004-60) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9606. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payments That Do Not Qualify as Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefits" (Rev. Rul. 2004-98) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9607. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: 401(k) Accelerated Deductions" (UIL9300 .01-01) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9608. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offer to Resolve Issues Arising From Certain Tax, Withholding, and Reporting Obligations" (Rev. Proc. 2004-59) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9609. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National Community Service, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9610. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Education for the six-month period ending March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9611. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presidential Inaugural Committee Reporting and Prohibition on Accepting Donations from Foreign Nationals" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-9612. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans' Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Priorities for Outpatient Medical Services and Inpatient Hospital Care" (RIN 2900-AL39) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

H.R. 2608. A bill to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-385).

By Mr. LOTT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 445. A resolution to eliminate certain restrictions on service of a Senator on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

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. DODD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2887. A bill to improve the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2888. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a scholarship program to encourage and support students who have contributed substantial public services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2889. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, to America's lands, waterways, and skies and the great importance of the designation of the American bald eagle as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2890. A bill to modify the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2891. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain National Forest System land in the State of Vermont; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2892. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend certain programs to provide coordinated services and research with respect to children and families with HIV/AIDS; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2893. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2894. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the coordination of Federal Government policies and activities to prevent obesity in childhood, to provide for State childhood obesity prevention and control, and to establish grant programs to prevent childhood obesity within homes, schools, and communities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2895. A bill to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by pink lights in honor of breast cancer awareness month; considered and passed.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2896. A bill to modify and extend certain privatization requirements of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962; considered and passed.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2897. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

S. 2898. A bill to require the review of Government programs at least once every 5 years for purposes of evaluating their performance; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REID, and Mr. TALENT):

S. Res. 447. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States should exercise his Constitutional Authority to pardon posthumously John Arthur "Jack" Johnson for Mr. Johnson's racially-motivated 1913 conviction that diminished his athletic, cultural, and historic significance, and unduly tarnished his reputation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Con. Res. 140. A concurrent resolution urging the President to withdraw the United States from the 1992 Agreement on Government Support for Civil Aircraft with the Eu-

ropean Union and immediately file a consultation request, under the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes of the World Trade Organization, on the matter of injury to, and adverse effects on, the commercial aviation industry of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1945

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 1968, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance literacy in finance and economics, and for other purposes.

S. 2077

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2077, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit additional States to enter into long-term care partnerships under the Medicaid Program in order to promote the use of long-term care insurance.

S. 2395

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2395, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and for other purposes.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 2425, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to allow for improved administration of new shipper administrative reviews.