

the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2001 and 2002 annual reports compiled by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered and threatened species by Federal and State agencies received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-708. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a corrected version that replaces the reports received on December 17, 2004 of the 2001 and 2002 annual reports compiled by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered and threatened species by Federal and State agencies received on February 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-709. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2005 and 2006 Summer Flounder Specifications; 2005 Scup and Black Sea Bass Specifications;" (RIN0648-AR51) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-710. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final 2005, 2006 and 2007 Fishing Quotas for Atlantic Surfclams, Ocean Quahogs, and Maine Mahogany Ocean Quahogs" (RIN0648-AR52) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-711. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report dated December 30, 2004 entitled "Assistance Provided to Foreign Aviation Authorities for FY 2004", received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-712. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Patent Fee Related Provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005" received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-713. A communication from the Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Director for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Scientific and Technical Reports—SBIR and STTR Contracts" (RIN2700-AD04) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-714. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Fishery reopening; quota transfer" (I.D. 122704C) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-715. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Understandings Reached at the June 2004 Australia Group (AG) Plenary

Meeting and Through a Subsequent AG Interpositional Decision; Clarifications to the Scope of ECCNs 1A004, 1A994, and 2B351; Corrections to Country Group D and ECCNs 1C355, 1C395, and 1C995; Additions to the List of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention" (RIN0694-AD25) received February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-716. A communication from Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 2B351 to Conform with the Australia Group (AG) (Control List of Dual-Use Chemical Manufacturing Facilities and Equipment and Related Technology)" (0694-AD16) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-717. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Buckle Up America: The National Initiative for Increasing Safety Belt Use" received February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-718. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Federal Railroad Administrator, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-719. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, received February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-720. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Federal Railroad Administrator, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-721. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-722. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Industry and Security, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-723. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report stating that the Coast Guard implemented no new rules concerning the Edible Oil Regulatory Reform Act, received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-724. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act as required by U.S. Code, Title 31, Section 1351, received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-725. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National

Transportation Safety Board's appeal letter to the Office of Management and Budget regarding the initial determination of the Board's fiscal year 2006 budget request, received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-726. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Fiscal Year 2004 Competitive Sourcing Efforts, received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-727. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture transmitting the Department's final rule—Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal-Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities [Docket No. 03-080-3] (RIN 0579-AB73). Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on January 6, 2005, inadvertently attached to 109ec00017, and therefore not individually noted at that time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S. Res. 50. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, and October 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007.

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:

S. 369. A bill to establish protections against compelled disclosure of sources, and news information, by persons providing services for the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 370. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 371. A bill to provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 372. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literacy, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN: