

EC-2616. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General and the Postal Service management response to the report for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2617. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report and Management's Report for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2618. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report on Audit Follow-Up covering the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2619. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2620. A communication from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Science Foundation (NSF) Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 and reports on final actions on audits prepared by NSF management and approved by the National Science Board; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2621. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2622. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of the School Transit Subsidy Program Administered by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2623. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "5 CFR Parts 1600, 1601, 1604, 1605 1606, 1620, 1640, 1645, 1650, 1651, 1653, 1655, and 1690, Various Changes to the Thrift Savings Plan" received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2624. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2004 Annual Report for the Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2625. A communication from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impacts of the Compacts of Free Association with the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1230. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the extension of the Highway Trust Fund and the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund expenditure authority and related taxes and to provide for excise tax reform and simplification, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-82).

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. GRASSLEY:

S. 1230. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the extension of the Highway Trust Fund and the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund expenditure authority and related taxes and to provide for excise tax reform and simplification, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

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

S. 1231. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase production and use of renewable fuel and to increase the energy independence of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1233. A bill for the relief of Diana Gecaj Engstrom; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1234. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1235. A bill to amend chapters 19 and 37 of title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in coverage under the servicemembers' life insurance and veterans' group life insurance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1236. A bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1237. A bill to expedite the transition to digital television while helping consumers to continue to use their analog televisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1238. A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1239. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to permit the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, a tribal or-

ganization, or an urban Indian organization to pay the monthly part D premium of eligible medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1240. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an investment tax credit for the purchase of trucks with new diesel engine technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1241. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on fixed ratio speed changers for truck-mounted concrete mixers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1242. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on lutetium oxide; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1243. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on triethylene glycol bis[3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionate]; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1244. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1245. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphoric acid, lanthanum salt, cerium terbium-doped; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1246. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to revise regulations regarding student loan payment deferment with respect to borrowers who are in postgraduate medical or dental internship, residency, or fellowship programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1247. 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 Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1248. A bill to establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse in the National Archives; to the Committee on Homeland Security and 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. FEINGOLD:

S. Res. 171. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should submit to Congress a report on the time frame for the withdrawal of United States troops from Iraq; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

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At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas