

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2863. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2745. An act to reform the United Nations, and for other purposes.

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-2667. A communication from the Administrator, General Service Administration, transmitting, a report relative to lease prospectuses supporting the Administration's fiscal year 2006 program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2668. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2003 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment: Third Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2669. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, the Commission's monthly status report on its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2670. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; VOC Emission Standards in the Hampton Roads VOC Emissions Control Area" (FRL# 7925-6) received on June 17, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2671. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Awards of Grants and Cooperative Agreements for the Special Projects and Programs Authorized by the Agency's FY 2005 Appropriations Act" received on June 17, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2672. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules, Fee Recovery for FY 2005" (RIN3150-AH61) received on June 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2673. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Broadening Scope of Access Authorization and Facility Security Clearance Regulations" (RIN3150-AH52) received on June 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2674. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Revision" (RIN3150-AH64) received on June 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2675. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning an amendment to Parts 120, 123, 124, 126, and 127 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2676. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2677. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2678. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report entitled "Assessment of the Cattle, Hog, and Poultry Industries"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2679. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2680. A communication from the Management Analyst, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR Parts 1700 and 1709, Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities" (RIN0572-AB91) received on June 17, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2681. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designated Marketing Associations for Peanuts" (RIN0560-AH20) received on June 17, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2682. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon, Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV05-958-1 IFR) received on June 17, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2683. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon, Relaxation of Handling Regulations" (Docket No. FV05-945-1 FR) received on June 17, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2684. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Services, Department of Agriculture, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California; Suspension of Handling and Reporting Requirements, Extension of the Suspension of Outgoing Inspection and Volume Control Regulations, and Extension of the Suspension of the Prune Import Regulation" (Docket No. FV05-993-2 IFR) received on June 17, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2685. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a waiver of application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 to Belarus; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2686. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a waiver of application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 to Vietnam; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2687. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finality of Foreign Adoptions" (Rev. Proc. 2005-31) received on June 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2688. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—April 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-37) received on June 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

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. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms.

COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. AKAKA):
S. 1274. A bill to strengthen Federal leadership, provide grants, enhance outreach and guidance, and provide other support to State and local officials to achieve communications inter-operability, to foster improved regional collaboration and coordination, to promote more efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development for first responder communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1275. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the "Alice R. Bruntsch Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1276. A bill to amend section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding challenging academic content standards for physical education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 1277. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals and critical access hospitals, as a condition of participation under the medicare program, to meet certain requirements in order to advertise that the hospital has the capability of addressing emergency and acute coronary syndromes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE,

Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1278. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a mechanism for United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for residence in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1279. A bill to establish certain requirements relating to the provision of services to minors by family planning projects under title X of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1280. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 for the United States Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1281. A bill to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 1282. A bill to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to strike the privatization criteria for INTELSAT separated entities, remove certain restrictions on separated and successor entities to INTELSAT, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BOND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1283. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1284. A bill to designate the John L. Burton Trail in the Headwaters Forest Reserve, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 37, supra.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal

the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

S. 354

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 354, a bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to amend the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 to facilitate United States openness to international students, scholars, scientists, and exchange visitors, and for other purposes.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 467, a bill to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 484, 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. 580

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a

cosponsor of S. 580, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain modifications to be made to qualified mortgages held by a REMIC or a grantor trust.

S. 611

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 611, a bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 757, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 760

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Vermont