

to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4781. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; General and Plastic Surgery Devices; Classification of the Low Energy Ultrasound Wound Cleaner" (Docket No. 2005P-0366) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4782. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Enforcement in Group and Individual Health Insurance Markets" (RIN0938-AN35) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4783. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Care Amendments" (RIN0938-AJ36) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4784. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Electronic Submission of Medicare Claims" (RIN0938-AM22) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4785. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Buy American Act Report covering fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4786. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—December 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-77) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4787. A communication from the Unit Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Reduction of Penalty for Understating Tax by Adequate Disclosure of an Item on Return" (Rev. Proc. 2005-75) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4788. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Market Segment Specialization Paper: Audit Technique Guide—Retail Industry" received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4789. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Directives and Regulations Branch, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travel Management; Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use; Final" (RIN0596-AC11) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4790. 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 "Tralkoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance"

(FRL7722-6) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4791. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the future of Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4792. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Energy Savings Performance Contracts"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4793. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4794. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Energy Review 2004"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4795. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures, Execution and Filing of Forms: Correction of State Office Address for Filings and Recordings, Proper Offices for Recording of Mining Claims" (RIN1004-AD77) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4796. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program" (ND-048-FOR) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4797. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "Illinois Regulatory Program" (IL-103-FOR) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4798. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "Alaska Regulatory Program" (AK-006-FOR) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4799. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cuban Emigration Policies"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4800. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, 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 \$50,000,000 or more to Taiwan and Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4801. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, 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 France, Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4802. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended,

the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 05-277-05-290); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2005.

Deborah Taylor Tate, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 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. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2084. A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations concerning the safety and labeling of portable generators; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2085. A bill to provide a supplemental payment to assist agricultural producers in mitigating increasing input costs, including energy and fertilizer costs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2086. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of compensation for purposes of determining the limits on contributions to individual retirement accounts and annuities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2087. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the employment of foreign agricultural workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2088. A bill to assist low-income families, displaced from their residences in the States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi as a result of Hurricane Katrina, by establishing within the Department of Housing and Urban Development a homesteading initiative that offers displaced low-income families the opportunity to purchase a home owned by the Federal Government and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2089. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2090. A bill for the relief of Ibrahim Parlak; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2091. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery