

by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 354. Concurrent resolution expressing the continued support of Congress for requiring an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters with access to the institution's campus and students at least equal in quality and scope to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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-6018. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Fiscal Year 2005 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6019. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, the Agency's 2006-2010 Strategic and Operational Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6020. A communication from the Chairman, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6021. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Audit Report Register, including all financial recommendations, for the period ending September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6022. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification of Post-Employment Restrictions" (RIN3206-AK60) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6023. A communication from the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification related to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6024. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, the semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6025. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the International Labour Conference; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6026. 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 06-44-06-56); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6027. 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 "Triflumizole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7765-3) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6028. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Relaxation of Handling Regulation for Area No. 2" (Docket No. FV05-948-1 FRA) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6029. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV06-989-1 IFR) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6030. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Continuing Assessment Rates and Modification of the Rules and Regulations" (Docket No. FV05-927-1 FR) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6031. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Pacific Northwest and Arizona-Las Vegas Marketing Area—Final Order" (Docket Nos. DA-03-04B; AO-368-A32 and AO-271-A37) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6032. A communication from the Acting Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Exposure to Hexavalent Chromium" (RIN1218-AB45) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6033. A communication from the Political Personnel and Advisory Communication Management Specialist, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, (10) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on March 13, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6034. 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 "Microbiology Devices; Reclassification of Hepatitis A Virus Serological Assays" (Docket No. 2003P-0564) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6035. 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; Cardiovascular Devices; Classification of Implantable Intra-Aneurysm Pressure Measurement System" (Docket No. 2005N-0506) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6036. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year

2005 Annual Report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6037. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety and Health—Alternate I to Major Breach of Safety or Security Clause" (RIN2700-AD12) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6038. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6039. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Non-Community Development Quota Pollock with Trawl Gear in the Chinook Salmon Savings Areas of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 021406B) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6040. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Patent Search Fee Refund Provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005" (RIN0651-AB79) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*David Longly Bernhardt, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

*Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

*Alexander A. Karsner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

*Dennis R. Spurgeon, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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 Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 2415. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2416. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs