

April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6337. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-338, "Unemployment Compensation Contributions Federal Conformity Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6338. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-339, "Procurement Practices Timely Competition Assurance and Direct Voucher Prohibition Amendment Act of 2006" received on April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6339. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-340, "White Collar Insurance Fraud Amendment Act of 2006" received on April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6340. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-341, "School Modernization Financing Act of 2006" received on April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 108-27 Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Germany (Ex. Rept. 109-14)]

[Treaty Doc. 108-12 Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Japan (Ex. Rept. 109-14)] and the text of the committee-recommended resolutions of advice and consent to ratification are as follows:

108-27 MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY WITH GERMANY

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on October 14, 2003, and a related exchange of notes.

108-12 MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY WITH JAPAN

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States of America and Japan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on August 5, 2003.

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. BAYH:

S. 2556. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to reform of executive compensation in corporate bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2557. A bill to improve competition in the oil and gas industry, to strengthen anti-trust enforcement with regard to industry mergers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2558. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to employers for employee catastrophic health care costs and to health insurance companies for insurer catastrophic health care costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2559. A bill to make it illegal for anyone to defraud and deprive the American people of the right to the honest services of a Member of Congress and to instill greater public confidence in the United States Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2560. A bill to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2561. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make available cost-shared grants and enter into cooperative agreements to further the goals of the Water 2025 Program by improving water conservation, efficiency, and management in the Reclamation States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2562. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, 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. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 2563. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2564. A bill to prepare and strengthen the biodefenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2565. A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the State of Vermont for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System and designate a National Recreation Area; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2566. A bill to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2567. A bill to maintain the rural heritage of the Eastern Sierra and enhance the region's tourism economy by designating certain public lands as wilderness and certain rivers as wild scenic rivers in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2568. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2569. A bill to authorize Western States to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving five per centum of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within said States as provided by their respective Enabling Acts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KYL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2570. A bill to authorize funds for the United States Marshals Service's Fugitive Safe Surrender Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. 2571. A bill to promote energy production and conservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2572. A bill to amend the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to extend the suspended service ticket honor requirement; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2573. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide interest rate reductions, to authorize and appropriate amounts for the Federal Pell Grant program, to allow for in-school consolidation, to provide the administrative account for the Federal Direct Loan Program as a mandatory program, to strike the single holder rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2574. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club driver heads; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2575. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club fairway heads; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2576. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club driver heads of titanium; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2577. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club driver heads with plasma welded face plate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2578. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club driver heads with rhombus shaped center face; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2579. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain leather basketballs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2580. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain rubber basketballs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2581. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain volleyballs; to the Committee on Finance.