

EC-6815. 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 "User Fees for Competent Authority Limitation on Benefits Determination" (Rev. Proc. 2006-26) received on May 8, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6816. 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 "Coordinated Issue: Credit for Increasing Research Activities—Extraordinary Expenditures for Utilities" (UIL 41.51-01) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6817. 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 "Revenue Ruling: Down Payment Assistance" (Rev. Rul. 2006-27) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6818. 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 "Intercompany Transactions; Manufacturer Incentive Payments" ((RIN1545-BF32)(TD 9261)) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6819. 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 "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2006-49) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6820. 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 "Sample, Discretionary Amendment to Section 401(k) Roth Plan" (Notice 2006-44) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6821. 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 "Update of Rev. Proc. 2003-44—Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System" (Rev. Proc. 2006-27) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6822. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of a New Port of Entry in the Tri-Cities Area of Tennessee and Virginia and Termination of the User-Fee-Status of Tri-Cities Regional Airport" (CBP Decision 06-14) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6823. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Development of a Strategic Plan Regarding Physician Investment in Specialty Hospitals"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6824. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "UIPL 14-05, Changes to UI Performs; UIPL 14-05, Change 1, Performance Criterion for the Overpayment Detection Measure; Clarification of Appeals Timeliness Measures; and Implementation of Tax Quality Measure Corrective Action Plans (CAPs)" received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6825. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports on vacancies in the positions of Director and Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6826. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance Regulations" (RIN1991-AB72) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6827. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Arriving Aliens in Removal Proceedings to Apply for Adjustment of Status and Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Applications for Adjustment of Status" (RIN1615-AB50 and RIN1125-AA55) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6828. 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 Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Alabama; Redesignation of the Birmingham, Alabama 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8169-4) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6829. 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 Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8169-3) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6830. 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 "Air Quality Redesignation for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; New York State" (FRL No. 8169-9) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6831. 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 "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL No. 8169-5) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6832. 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 "Ocean Dumping; De-designation of Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site and Designation of New Site near Coos Bay, Oregon" (FRL No. 8167-7) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6833. 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 "Revisions to the Arizona State Implemen-

tation Plan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, and Pinal County Air Quality Control District" (FRL No. 8159-7) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6834. 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 "Tennessee: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8168-4) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Thomas L. Ludington, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Sean F. Cox, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. LOTT (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2783. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr.

THOMAS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOXER, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2784. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth