

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 309. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 609. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 786. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 815. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 886. An act to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1191. An act to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1515. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1677. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer protections and outreach; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 100. Concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1681. An act to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of

governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, 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-1549. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Suspension of Container Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0031) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1550. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0225) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1551. 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 Washington; Modification of Administrative Rules Governing Committee Representation" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0182) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1552. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Outgoing Quality Control Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0181) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1553. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Exemption of Onions for Export" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0043) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1554. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 1 and Class 3 Spearmint Oil for the 2006-2007 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0039) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1555. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV07-932-1 FR) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1556. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Hourly Fee Rates for Science and Technology Laboratory Services—Fiscal Year 2007-2009" ((RIN0581-AC48)

(Docket No. ST-05-01)) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1557. 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; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 2006-07 Crop Natural Seedless Raisins" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0027) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1558. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Army's Recruiter Incentive Pay Pilot Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1559. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the costs, benefits, feasibility, and suitability of locating support functions for Fort Belvoir and the Engineering Proving Grounds on property in Springfield, Virginia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1560. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final List of Fisheries for 2007" (RIN0648-AU19) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1561. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1562. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to implement the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1563. 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 2007-61-2007-78); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1564. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to current military, diplomatic, political, and economic measures that are being or have been undertaken to complete our mission in Iraq successfully; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1565. A communication from the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification relating to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1566. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of the required determination to waive certain restrictions on maintaining a Palestine Liberation Organization Office and on the receipt and expenditure of PLO funds for a period of six months; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1567. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a proposal intended to extend the authorization of appropriations for the 1998 Tropical Forest Conservation Act through fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1568. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Administration (General)" (RIN3206-AK74) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1569. A communication from the Director, Insurance Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver of Requirements for Continued Coverage During Retirement" (RIN3206-AI62) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1570. A communication from the Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions and Technical Corrections Affecting Requirements for Ex Parte and Inter Partes Reexamination" (RIN0651-AB77) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Douglas G. Myers, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

*Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

*Lotsee Patterson, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

*Stephen W. Porter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012.

*Cynthia Allen Wainscott, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2008.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Public Health Service nominations beginning with Sunee R. Danielson and ending with Mary E. Evans, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

*Public Health Service nominations beginning with Arturo H. Castro and ending with David J. Lusche, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

*Public Health Service nominations beginning with David G. Addiss and ending with Allyson M. Alvarado, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

*Public Health Service nominations beginning with Daniel S. Miller and ending with

Darin S. Wieggers, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

By Mr. AKAKA for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

*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 Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1138. A bill to enhance nuclear safeguards and to provide assurances of nuclear fuel supply to countries that forgo certain fuel cycle activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1139. A bill to establish the National Landscape Conservation System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 1140. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the limitation on the foreign earned income exclusion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1141. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic payroll deposit IRAs, to facilitate similar saving by the self-employed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 1142. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1143. A bill to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1144. A bill to provide for an assessment of the achievements by the Government of Iraq of benchmarks for political settlement and national reconciliation in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1145. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BURR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1146. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1147. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to terminate the administrative freeze on the enrollment into the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs of veterans in the lowest priority category for enrollment (referred to as "Priority 8"); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1148. A bill to establish the Champlain Quadracentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1149. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to authorize the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat and poultry if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the State inspection requirements are at least equal to Federal inspection requirements and to require the Secretary to reimburse State agencies for part of the costs of the inspections; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 1150. A bill to enhance the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1151. A bill to provide incentives to the auto industry to accelerate efforts to develop more energy-efficient vehicles to lessen dependence on oil; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1152. A bill to promote wildland firefighter safety; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1153. A bill to require assessment of the impact on small business concerns of rules relating to internal controls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1154. A bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1155. A bill to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate; to the Committee on Finance.