law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of Section 629 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008” (FCC 06-117) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1719. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Wofford, North Carolina; Media Bureau, and Mustang, Oklahoma” (MB Docket No. 06-65) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1720. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Ms. Green, Kansas; and Alva, Medford, and Mustang, Oklahoma” (MB Docket No. 06-65) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1721. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Wofford, North Carolina; Media Bureau, and Mustang, Oklahoma” (MB Docket No. 06-65) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1722. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Glen Arbor, Michigan” (MB Docket No. 03-142) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1723. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Jackson, Wyoming” (MB Docket No. 05-101) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1724. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Rules and Regulations Implementing Minimum Customer Exchange Obligations on All Local and Interstatecarriers” ((FCC 06-134)(CG Doc. 02-386)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1725. A communication from the Management Analyst, Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “In the Matter of Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.102 through 1.117 of the Commission’s Rules for Applying for Authorization to Use Commercial FM Broadcast Stations, Galesburg, Illinois; and Interexchange Carriers” (FCC 05-117) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1726. A communication from the Acting Legal Advisor, Mobility Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of Section 309(j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended; Promotion of Spectrum Efficient Technologies Utilizing 90 Frequencies” ((FCC 07-39)(WT Docket No. 99-97)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1727. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission’s Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure Devices in the 5 GHz Band Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 15.113(b)” (FCC 07-122) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1728. A communication from the Chairman, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulations Governing Fees for Services Provided in Connection with Licensing and Auction Related Services—2007 Update” (STB Ex Parte No. 542) received on April 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1729. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Geothermal Valuation” (RIN1800-D132) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1730. A communication from the Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department’s proposed final 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for years 2007-2012 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1731. A communication from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Liquidation and Debt Collection Activities” (RIN5600-AEB3) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
Whereas, the federal policy of holding counties harmless from the creation of public lands within counties was reinitiated in 1916 with the creation of the Oregon and California Grant Lands Act, and again in 1937 with passage of the Oregon and California Grant Lands Act; and

Whereas, federal forest resources were intended to be managed in such an environmentally responsible manner that they would produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties as well as products for the nation; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, commonly known as public law 106–393, which restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties for federal lands, or any provision of law that provides that fees or charges collected at particular federal areas be used for or credited to specific purposes or special funds; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to provide that fees or revenues collected under state management be paid in the form of a percent, or other appropriate percentage, for the benefit of the counties and schools in which the national forest system lands are located and 25 percent, or other appropriate percentage, for the benefit of the national forest in which the lands administered by the state of Idaho are located to be paid at the end of the year to the state of Idaho and that amounts allocated to the counties should not be taken into account for purposes of the Twenty-five Percent Fund pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 506; and it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to seek a long-term solution to the significant issues that will face rural counties in the event the Secure Rural Schools payments are not reauthorized or are allowed to expire following the 2006 reauthorization; and

Whereas, for state administration of federally-owned lands exists in the state of Idaho at the City of Rocks area in southern Idaho and camp-ground-related facilities at Cascade and Salmon; and

Whereas, a transfer of management to the state of Idaho would demonstrate a new initiative and commitment to the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural counties and schools harmless from the creation of federal lands and construct a path leading to economic stability for rural communities and schools; and

Whereas, the state of Idaho is dependent upon healthy national forest system lands for economic benefit, recreation and scenic beauty, and the state has demonstrated an initiative and commitment to the intent and policy of the federal government to hold counties and schools harmless from the creation of federal lands, and fund schools, road and bridge infrastructure which would offset significant tax increases in rural counties in the event the Secure Rural Schools payments are not reauthorized or are allowed to expire following the 2006 reauthorization; and

Whereas, for state administration of federal lands and lands within the state of Idaho to the creation of federal lands; and

Whereas, lands for which management responsibilities are transferred to the state of Idaho could be administered by the Idaho Department of Lands in cooperation with county officials and with cooperative oversight by the state, Forest Service, and local government could establish, or use existing natural resource advisory committees composed of a diverse cross-section of the public, with all decisions and actions relating to the lands being required to comply with every federal and state environmental law; and

Whereas, the management of these lands would have to meet the mandates of the Healthy Forest Initiative, the National Fire Plan, and, if needed, fire mitigation plans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, and by the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, That we urge the Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of national forest system lands to the state of Idaho; and

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker of the Senate and the President of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the Clerk of the Senate shall forward a copy of this resolution to every Member of Congress, the Governor, the Secretary of Interior, and other federal officials and entities, the Secretary of State, and the Lieutenant Governor, and the Director of the State Department of Lands; and

Resolved, That we urge Congress to provide that the federal government support the state’s effort to develop a fully funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, the federal land managers continue to be faced with funding shortages. In the event the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated, counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services and, even if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated, it will likely be the last time, and the state of Idaho must seek a long-term solution; and

Whereas, in 2006, House Joint Memorial No. 78 was adopted by the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature to provide one option to address the problem of declining forest resources. Urging Congress to develop federal legislation transferring management of National Forest System lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, and the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint an interim committee to undertake and complete an assessment of the decline in receipts on National Forest System lands, which have historically been shared with counties, with the goal of the interim committee’s recommendations being to develop a federal, bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest systems to stabilize payments to Idaho’s rural communities and schools, and to provided projects that enhance forest ecosystem health and provide employment opportunities, and to improve community relations with those that use and care about the lands the agencies manage. The Legislative Council shall determine the membership from each house appointed to the interim committee and shall authorize the interim committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who do not have members of the Legislature. As much as is practicable, the interim committee shall work in cooperation and coordination with the state of Idaho and counties to achieve a consistent methodology that the state and federal government may consider in making future forest resource use and management decisions.

Resolved, That the Idaho legislative interim committee on forest receipts will address National Forest System lands, but only those lands that do not have special designations, such as the Tongass National Forest. The interim committee is directed to formulate a solution that will protect all existing rights, existing public access

Whereas, in recent decades, the forest resources have not been managed in a manner to produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The legislation transferred management previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes because of declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization and appropriation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is pending in the United States Congress, and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, federal land managers continue to be faced with funding shortages. In the event the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated, counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services and, even if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated, it will likely be the last time, and the state of Idaho must seek a long-term solution; and

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and activities, including hunting, fishing and recreation, and that will not be construed to interfere with treaties or any other obligations to the Indian tribes, commitments to counties, or the General Mining Law or Taylor Grazing Act; and now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That non-legislative members of the interim committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the interim committees who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Non-legislative members of the interim committees shall be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the interim committee’s recommendations or proposed legislation; and now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the interim committee shall report its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

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

*Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of 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 Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURkowski, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1262. A bill to protect students receiving students by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates.

By Mr. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SHUGER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. PEINSTEIN, Mr. RIDEN, Mr. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1263. A bill to establish the National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. 1264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow permanent look-through treatment of payments between related foreign corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1265. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to holders of rural renaissance bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1266. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for veterans interred in cemeteries other than national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. LANDREIJO):

S. 1267. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federaely compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1268. A bill to provide for the development and inventory of certain outer Continental Shelf resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1269. A bill to improve border security in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1270. A bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mrs. MCASKILL):

S. 1271. A bill to provide for a comprehensive national research effort on the physical and mental health and other readjustment needs of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CHAMBILISS (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1272. A bill to establish the National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1273. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow permanent look-through treatment of payments between related foreign corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1274. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of food for humans and pets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. DEVITO):

S. 1275. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a screening and treatment program for prostate cancer in the same manner as is provided for breast and cervical cancer; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DODD:

S. Con. Res. 11. A concurrent resolution urging all sides to the current political crisis in Ukraine to act responsibly and use dialogue to resolve the crisis and ensure a free and transparent democratic system in Ukraine based on the rule of law; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 328

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with