

To mayor Tony Paesano and the people of Follansbee, may the next 101 years be as successful and peaceful as the first.●

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-2433. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uninsured Secondary Capital" (12 C.F.R. Parts 701 and 741) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2434. A communication from the Staff Attorney, Office of General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments" (RIN3133-AD36) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2435. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Docket No. FEMA-B-7716) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2436. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 31463) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2437. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 31461) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2438. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 31460) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2439. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation E (Electronic Fund Transfers)" (Docket No. R-1270) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2440. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance and Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Rules Regarding Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting; and Commission Guidance Regarding Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AJ58) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2441. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule 10a-1; Rule 200 of Regulation SHO; Rule 201 of Regulations SHO" (RIN3235-

AJ76) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2442. A communication from the First Vice President and Controller, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2443. A communication from the Controller, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2444. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month report on the national emergency with respect to the threat to the U.S. economy caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979 that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2445. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month report on the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2446. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, proposed legislation intended to reauthorize the American Dream Down Payment Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2447. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA75) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2448. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less than 60 Feet LOA Using Pot or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA70) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2449. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2450. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Implementing Amendment 13 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AV39) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2451. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications and Effort Controls" ((RIN0648-AU87)(I.D. 030507A)) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2452. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2453. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "International Energy Outlook 2007"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2454. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia Regulatory Program" (Docket No. VA-123-FOR) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2455. A communication from the Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Injurious Wildlife Species; Silver Carp and Largemouth Silver Carp" (RIN1018-AT29) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2456. A communication from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C: Nonrural Determinations" (RIN1018-AT99) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2457. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's position on budgeting for the Unalaska, Alaska Navigation Improvement Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2458. 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 "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System—Suspension of Regulations Establishing Requirements for Cooling Water Intake Structures at Phase II Existing Facilities" ((RIN2040-AD62)(FRL No. 8336-9)) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2459. 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 "Withdrawal of Federal Marine Aquatic Life Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants Applicable to Washington State" (FRL No. 8337-2) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2460. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Redesignation of the Hampton Roads Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory; Correction" (FRL No. 8335-1) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2461. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio Rules to Control Emissions from Hospital, Medical, and

Infectious Waste Management” (FRL No. 8335-5) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2462. 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; Kentucky: Redesignation of the Kentucky Portion of the Louisville 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone” (FRL No. 8335-4) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2463. 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 “Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Correction” (FRL No. 8335-6) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2464. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a copy of a document recently issued by the Agency entitled “Estimation of Relative Bioavailability of Lead in Soil and Soil-Like Materials Using In Vivo and In Vitro Methods”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2465. 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 “Amendments to National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Copper Smelting and Secondary Copper Smelting Area Sources” ((RIN2060-AO46)(FRL No. 8334-4)) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2466. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Lancaster 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area’s Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory” (FRL No. 8333-6) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2467. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Tioga County Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area’s Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory” (FRL No. 8333-7) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2468. 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 “Extension of the Deferred Effective Date for 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Denver Early Action Compact” (FRL No. 8332-2) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2469. 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 “Pesticide Tolerance Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendment” (FRL No. 8131-3) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2470. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a document recently issued by the Agency entitled “Interpretation of ‘Ambient Air’ in Situations Involving Leased Land Under the Regulations for Prevention of Significant Deterioration”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2471. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safe Harbor Method of Accounting for Advance Trade Discounts” (Rev. Proc. 2007-53) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2472. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Elimination of Schedule P from Form 5500 Series” (Announcement 2007-63) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2473. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revenue Ruling on Nonexempt Employees’ Trusts” (Rev. Rul. 2007-48) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2474. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fortuity and Insurance” (Rev. Rul. 2007-47) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2475. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Research Agreements” (Rev. Proc. 2007-47) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2476. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Rotable Spare Parts” (Rev. Proc. 2007-48) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2477. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Application of Section 83 When Post-Grant Restrictions are Imposed on Vested Stock” (Rev. Rul. 2007-49) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2478. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Temporary Regulations Under Section 6033(a)(2) Relating to Disclosure Obligations With Respect to Prohibited Tax Shelter Transactions” ((RIN1545-BG19)(TD 9335)) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2479. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final and Temporary Regulations Relating to the Requirement of a Return to Accompany Payment of

Excise Taxes Under Section 4695” ((RIN1545-BG20)(TD 9334)) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2480. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System” (Rev. Proc. 2007-49) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2481. A communication from the Acting Social Security Regulations Officer, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of the Expiration Date for Several Body System Listings” (RIN0960-AG51) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2482. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continued compliance by certain countries with the 1974 Trade Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2483. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to the Congress: Promoting Greater Efficiency in Medicare”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2484. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2485. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2486. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use and effectiveness of funds appropriated to the Medicaid Integrity Program during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2487. 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 2007-135-2007-142); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2488. 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 2007-126—2007-134); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2489. 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 2007-118—2007-125); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2490. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports relative to agreements entered into with Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2491. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services relative to the co-development of

the Galaxy Express space launch vehicle upgrade program with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2492. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the sale of materials related to F-5E/F fighter aircraft from the Government of Jordan to the Government of Kenya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2493. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services relative to the launch of satellites from the Pacific Ocean utilizing a modified oil platform to Russia, Ukraine, and Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2494. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Orthopedic Devices; Reclassification of the Intervertebral Body Fusion Device" (Docket No. 2006N-0019) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2495. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Senior Community Service Employment Program; Performance Accountability; Interim Rule" (RIN1205-AB47) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2496. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification" (Docket No. 1995C-0286) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2497. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Cells, Tissue, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Donor Screening and Testing, and Related Labeling" (Docket No. 1997N-0484T) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2498. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Responses to Specific Questions Regarding the District's Ballpark"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2499. A communication from the Director for Acquisition Management and Financial Assistance, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's fiscal year 2006 inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2500. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Auditor's Preliminary Findings from Examination of Contract Between the Office of Contracting and Procurement and Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2501. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-63, "Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Support Act of 2007" received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2502. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary,

Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Office of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (45 CFR Parts 74 and 76) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2503. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-62, "District of Columbia School Reform Property Disposition Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2504. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled "Lump-Sum Payments for Annual Levee Simplification Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2505. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (11) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2764. A bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-128).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1642. A bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1762. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 602 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (S. Con. Res. 21).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of June 29, 2007, the following executive reports of nominations were submitted on July 3, 2007:

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 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.

Coast Guard nomination of Jason D. Rimington, 8958, to be Lieutenant.

Coast Guard nomination of Jeffery J. Rasnake, 8595, to be Lieutenant.

(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. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1755. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. AKAKA, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) (by request):

S. 1756. A bill to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 1757. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend or make permanent certain authorities for veterans' benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1758. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1759. A bill to provide for the review of agricultural mergers and acquisitions by the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1760. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1761. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to contract with an independent engineer to review the construction methods of certain Federal highway projects, to require States to submit a project management plan for each highway project financed with Federal funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1762. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 602 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (S. Con. Res. 21); from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 266. A resolution making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 267. A resolution honoring the life of renowned painter and writer Tom Lea on