

H. Con. Res. 182. Concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 225. Concurrent resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities.

#### 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. 400. An act to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2102. An act to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

H.R. 3678. An act to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

S. 2179. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 2180. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

S. 2184. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days.

S. 2185. A bill to permanently extend the current marginal tax rates.

#### 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-3629. A communication from the Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Connect Broadband Grant Program" (RIN0572-AC09) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3630. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a meeting held on July 17, 2007, by the Strategic Materials Protection Board; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3631. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3632. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's decision to conduct a streamlined competition for intermediate level ship maintenance support functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3633. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the expected date of completion of an interim report on the needs of returning members of the National Guard and Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3634. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 52796) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3635. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 52820) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3636. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 52793) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3637. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 50250) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3638. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 50255) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3639. 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 53955) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3640. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 54588) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3641. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 54591) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3642. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Establish Catch Accounting Requirements for Processors/First Receivers Participating in the Pacific Whiting Shoreside Fishery" (RIN0648-AV46) received on October

16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3643. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 80 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-AU68) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3644. A communication from the 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; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC55) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3645. A communication from the 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC22) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3646. A communication from the 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; Atka Mackerel With Gears Other than Jig in the Eastern Aleutian District and the Bering Sea Subarea in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC56) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3647. A communication from the 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; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC57) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3648. A communication from the Director for Bilateral Agreements, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Cement Import Licensing System" (RIN0625-AA70) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3649. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Administrator, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3650. 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 "Framework Adjustment 1 to the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AT62) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3651. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC66) received

on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3652. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Total Allowable Catch Harvested for Management Area 1A)" (RIN0648-XC24) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3653. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Connecticut 2007 Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XC21) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3654. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC46) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3655. 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; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC26) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3656. 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; Northern Rockfish for Catcher Processors Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC47) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3657. 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; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC43) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3658. 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; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC52) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3659. 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 Ocean Perch for Catcher Processors Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC48) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3660. A communication from the 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; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XC54) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3661. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Coastwide 2007 Summer Period Scup Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XC70) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3662. 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 "Extension of Final Temporary Rule for Interim Measures to Address Overfishing of Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper During 2007" (RIN0648-AT87) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3663. 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 "Framework Adjustment 4 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AU34) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3664. 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 "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Final Rule; Correction" (RIN0648-AV95) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3665. 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 "Amendment 85 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area to Allocate Pacific Cod Among Harvesting Sectors" (RIN0648-AU48) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3666. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Strategic Plan for fisheries research; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3667. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, legislation entitled, "Space Commerce Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3668. A communication from the 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-125-FOR) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3669. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (Docket No. IN-156-FOR) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3670. A communication from the Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report rel-

ative to the general social, political, and economic conditions in the Republic of the Marshall Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3671. A communication from the Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, two draft documents relative to the Yucca Mountain Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3672. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3673. 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; Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Particulate Matter From Pulp and Paper Mills" (FRL No. 8484-5) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3674. 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 Mercer County Portion of the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon, OH-PA 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8484-3) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3675. 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 State Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8483-1) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3676. 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; Georgia; Redesignation of Murray County, Georgia 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8482-4) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3677. 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; Kentucky; Performance Testing and Open Burning" (FRL No. 8482-5) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3678. 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; State of Missouri; Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 8483-3) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3679. 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 State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Total Reduced Sulfur From Pulp and Paper Mills" (FRL No. 8484-4) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3680. 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; Indiana; Redesignation of Central Indiana to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8484-2) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3681. 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 "Fluazinam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8152-4) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3682. 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 Definition of Cogeneration Unit in Clean Air Interstate Rule, CAIR Federal Implementation Plans, Clean Air Mercury Rule; and Technical Corrections to CAIR, CAIR FIPs, CAMR, and Acid Rain Program Rules" ((RIN2060-AO33)(FRL No. 8483-7)) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3683. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "FY 2006 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3684. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limited Work Authorizations for Nuclear Power Plants" (RIN3150-A105) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3685. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offset of Tax Refund Payments to Collect Past-Due Support" (RIN1510-AB16) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3686. 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 "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2007-62) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3687. 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 "Tier I Issue: Section 118 Abuse Directive No. 3" (Docket No. LMSB-04-1007-069) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3688. 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 "Update of Weighted

Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2007-82) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3689. 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 "Interest Rate Modifications Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006" (Rev. Proc. 2007-81) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3690. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment of Federal Taxes and the Treasury Tax and Loan Program" (RIN1510-AB01) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3691. 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 2007-201-2007-212); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3692. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles and services to the Republic of Korea to support the manufacture of F-16 airframe structural components; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3693. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense services to Denmark, the Netherlands, and Belgium in support of the MK 41 Vertical Launching System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3694. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles and services to Japan to support the manufacture of F-15 electrical generators; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3695. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a request for Foreign Military Financing funds for the Government of Egypt for the production of 125 M1A1 Abrams Tanks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3696. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles and services to Australia for the manufacture of materials relative to the Australian Mulwala Gun Propellant and Explosive Plant upgrade; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3697. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the development of requirements for the licensing of cord blood units; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3698. 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 "Food Labeling; Health Claims; Dietary Noncariogenic Carbohydrate Sweeteners and Dental Caries" (Docket No. 2006P-0487) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3699. 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 "Advisory Committee; Risk Communication Advisory Committee; Establishment" (21 CFR Part 14) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3700. 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 "Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations" (Docket No. 2000N-1596) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3701. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (72 FR 52471) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3702. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Solicitor of Labor, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3703. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semi-annual Report for the period ended March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3704. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resource Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program" (RIN3206-AL03) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3705. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3706. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-20; Introduction" (FAC 2005-20) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3707. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Actions Taken on Office of Inspector General Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3708. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3709. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Oripavine as a Basic

Class of Controlled Substance" (Docket No. DEA-309F) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3710. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Attorney General, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3711. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for 'El Paso Intelligence Center Seizure System'" (AAG/A Order No. 032-2007) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3712. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Physical Condition Standards and Physical Inspection Requirements for Certain HUD Housing; Revision to Response Time for Requesting a Technical Review of a Physical Inspection Report" (RIN2502-AI43) received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### 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. HARKIN:

S. 2173. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2174. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2175. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2176. A bill to promote the development of Native American small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 2177. A bill to prohibit the payment of individuals to reserve a place in line for a seat for a lobbyist at a congressional committee hearing or business meeting; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2178. A bill to expedite the adjudication of employer petitions for aliens with extraordinary artistic ability; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2179. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2180. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. REED):

S. 2181. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2182. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to mental health services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 2183. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. 2184. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days; read the first time.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 2185. A bill to permanently extend the current marginal tax rates; read the first time.

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

S. 2186. A bill to permit individuals who are employees of a grantee that is receiving funds under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act to enroll in health insurance coverage provided under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2187. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide for child care workforce development initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2188. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a prospective payment system instead of the reasonable cost-based reimbursement method for Medicare-covered services provided by Federally qualified health centers and to expand the scope of such covered services to account for expansions in the scope of services provided by Federally qualified health centers since the inclusion of such services for coverage under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2189. A bill to provide for educational opportunities for all students in State public school systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2190. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the inclusion of barbiturates and benzodiazepines as covered part D drugs beginning in 2008; 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. REID (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 349. A resolution honoring Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for receiving the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of their efforts to promote understanding of the threats posed by global warming; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 350. A resolution honoring the achievements of Mario R. Capecchi, Sir Martin J. Evans, and Oliver Smithies, winners of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.