

EC-4870. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Advisory Committee's Annual Report on Institutional Quality and Integrity for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4871. A communication from the Director, Financial Management, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4872. A communication from the Acting Chief of Staff, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial integrity for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4873. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's financial report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4874. A communication from the Deputy Director for Administration and Information Management, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the competitions initiated during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4875. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "A Call for Stewardship: Enhancing the Federal Government's Ability to Address Key Fiscal and Other 21st Century Challenges"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4876. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs, received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4877. A communication from the Co-Chief Privacy Officers, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to activities that affect privacy; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4878. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts of fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4879. A communication from the Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Secretary of Veterans Affairs, received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' 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. VOINOVICH:

S. 2572. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for bonus depreciation or an additional minimum tax credit

in lieu of such bonus depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2573. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a program of mental health care and rehabilitation for veterans for service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or a related substance use disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2574. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of qualified mortgage revenue bonds for refinancing mortgages and to provide a temporary increase in the volume cap for such bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2575. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitations on the transfer of entitlement to basic educational assistance under Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2576. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for qualified expenditures paid or incurred to replace certain wood stoves; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2577. A bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2578. A bill to temporarily delay application of proposed changes to Medicaid payment rules for case management and targeted case management services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2579. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the United States Army in 1775, to honor the American soldier of both today and yesterday, in wartime and in peace, and to commemorate the traditions, history, and heritage of the United States Army and its role in American society, from the colonial period to today; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2580. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the participation in higher education of, and to increase opportunities in employment for, residents of rural areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2581. A bill to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. Res. 437. A resolution establishing a special committee of the Senate to investigate the awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 438. A resolution authorizing the printing with illustrations of a document entitled "Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 1867-2008"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) 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. 414

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 414, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require that food that contains product from a cloned animal be labeled accordingly, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.