

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) of the House:

H.R. 1216. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for her purposes.

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2570. An act to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1834. An act to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

H.R. 4169. An act to authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of an American Braille tactile flag in Arlington National Cemetery honoring blind members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and other Americans.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 289. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary.

At 6:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4137. An act to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5478. An act to provide for the continued minting and issuance of certain \$1 coins in 2008.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING RECESS

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 19, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1216. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4137. An act to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5478. An act to provide for the continued minting and issuance of certain \$1 coins in 2008.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 289. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1834. An act to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2665. A bill to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007 until July 1, 2009.

S. 2664. A bill to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007.

S. 2663. A bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5117. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and

Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Add Mauritius to the List of Regions Where African Swine Fever Exists" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0151) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5118. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Add Portion of Los Angeles County, CA, to the List of Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0004) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5119. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Designation of Portion of San Diego County, CA, as a Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0005) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5120. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's 2008 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5121. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carfentrazone-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8349-4) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5122. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8349-7) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5123. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formetanate Hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8343-6) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5124. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a public-private competition that was completed at the Defense Logistics Agency on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5125. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a public-private competition that was conducted at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5126. 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 "Home Equity Conversion Mortgages: Determination of Maximum Claim Amount; and Eligibility for Discounted Mortgage Insurance Premium for Certain Refinanced HECM Loans" (RIN2502-AI49) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5127. A communication from the Secretary of the Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to

the Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5128. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5129. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D Airspace; Atwater, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AWP-3)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5130. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D Airspace; Castle Airport, Atwater, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AWP-3)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5131. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Springfield, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ANM-4)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5132. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of VOR Federal Airway 363, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 04-AWP-08)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5133. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Helena, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ANM-11)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5134. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mooresville, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ASO-11)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5135. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Poplar Bluff, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ACE-9)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5136. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment and Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Easton, MD" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AEA-02)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5137. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Montrose, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No.

07-AEA-11)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5138. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Honesdale, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AEA-12)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5139. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; McGrath, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AAL-15)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5140. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Soldotna, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AAL-16)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5141. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Lewiston, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ANE-95)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5142. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Farmington, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ANE-93)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5143. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Selawik, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AAL-05)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5144. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Buckland, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AAL-12)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5145. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Chevak, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AAL-13)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5146. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Kenai, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AAL-14)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5147. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Model400A Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-106)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5148. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation AE 3007A and AE 3007C Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 99-NE-01)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5149. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cirrus Design Corporation Model SR22 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-091)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5150. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller Inc. Model HC-E5N-3(), HC-E5N-3()(L), and HC-E5B-5() Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NE-31)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5151. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GROB-WERKE GMBH AND CO KG Models G102 CLUB ASTIR III, G102 CLUB ASTIR IIIb, and G102 STANDARD ASTIR III Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-060)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5152. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Societe de Motorisations Aeronautiques SR305-230 and SR305-230-1 Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2006-NE-36)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5153. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2S1 and 2S2 Turbohaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NE-17)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5154. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211 Trent 768-60, 772-60, and 772B-60 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2006-NE-30)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5155. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, A340-300, A340-500, and A340-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-241)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5156. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Confidential Business Information" (RIN2127-AJ95) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5157. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard Update to Appendix A" (RIN2127-AJ97) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5158. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Response to Petitions for Reconsideration on 5th Percentile Dummy Belted Barrier Crash Test Procedures" (RIN2127-AK03) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5159. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Joint Amendment 27 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and Amendment 14 to the FMP for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-AT87) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5160. 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 "Correction to the Final Rule for Expansion of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Vessel Monitoring System" (RIN0648-AU08) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5161. 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 "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Amendment 80 Vessels Subject to Sideboard Limits in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF23) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5162. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder Possession Prohibition" (RIN0648-XF04) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5163. 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; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XF21) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5164. 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 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF21) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5165. 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-XF34) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5166. 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 610 in the Gulf of Alaska" (MB Docket No. 07-143) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5167. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification of 2008 No-Harvest Guideline for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Crustaceans Fishery" (RIN0648-XF19) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5168. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a statistical program on trade in services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5169. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Rewrite of FMVSS No. 108; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment" (RIN2127-AJ75) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5170. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cross-Waiver of Liability" (RIN2700-AB51) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5171. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska natural gas pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5172. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of NRC Civil Penalty Authority over Contractors and Subcontractors Who Discriminate Against Employees for Engaging in Protected Activities" (RIN3150-AH59) received on February 21, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5173. A communication from the Executive Director, National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Transportation for Tomorrow"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5174. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Astragalus Magdalenae* var. *peirsonii*" (RIN1018-

AU98) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5175. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Berberis nevadensis*" (RIN1018-AU84) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5176. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vitamin E, d-alpha tocopherol, dl-alpha tocopherol, d-alpha tocopheryl acetate, and dl-alpha tocopheryl acetate; Inert Ingredients; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8347-8) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5177. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; VOC Emissions from Fuel Grade Ethanol Production Operations" (FRL No. 8529-8) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5178. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1-Propanesulfonic acid, 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-monosodium salt, polymer with ethenol and ethenyl acetate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8344-7) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5179. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, proposed legislation to respond to the warning that was issued in April 2007 relative to Medicare funding; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5180. 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 "Payments from the Primary Matching Payment Account" ((RIN1545-BH41)(TD9382)) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5181. 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 "Payments from the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account" (Rev. Proc. 2008-15) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5182. 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 "Qualifying Advanced Coal Project Program—Special Allocation Round" (Notice 2008-26) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5183. 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 "TIPRA Amendments to Section 199" ((RIN1545-BF79)(TD 9381)) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5184. 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 "GO Zone Bonus Depreciation Recapture" (Notice 2008-25) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5185. 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 "Time and Manner for Electing Capital Asset Treatment for Certain Self-Created Musical Works" ((RIN1545-BG35)(TD 9379)) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5186. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data in support of the sale of Sikorsky Model S-70A Helicopters for the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5187. 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 2008-10-2008-17); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of February 14, 2008, the following reports of committees were submitted on February 22, 2008:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-262).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2142. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-263).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 2450. A bill to amend the Federal Rules of Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine (Rept. No. 110-264).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 2045, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-265).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED DURING RECESS

On February 15, 2008, under the authority of the order of the Senate of

February 14, 2008, the following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 2655. A bill to provide relief for veterans with a disability rated as total; to the Committee on Finance under authority of the order of the Senate of 02/14/2008.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2656. A bill to prohibit the transport of hydrolysate from the Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado, to an off-site location; to the Committee on Armed Services under authority of the order of the Senate of 02/14/2008.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2657. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation under authority of the order of the Senate of 02/14/2008.

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. KERRY:

S. 2658. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend from 90 days to one year the period after release of a member from the Armed Forces from active duty during which the member is protected from mortgage foreclosure; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2659. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that all trailers or mobile homes purchased by the Federal Emergency Management Agency meet the safety standards established by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for housing used in programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2660. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that the mission and functions of Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators include keeping energy costs as low as reasonably possible for consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2661. A bill to prohibit the collection of identifying information of individuals by false, fraudulent, or deceptive means through the Internet, a practice known as "phishing", to provide the Federal Trade Commission the necessary authority to enforce such prohibition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GREGG) (by request):

S. 2662. A bill to respond to a medicare funding warning; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2663. A bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2664. A bill to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007; read the first time.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2665. A bill to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007 until July 1, 2009; read the first time.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 2666. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage investment in affordable housing, and for other purposes; 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. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 458. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate to those affected by the devastating shooting incident of February 14, 2008, at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 459. A resolution expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to extend invitations for membership to Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia at the April 2008 Bucharest Summit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 460. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of National Association of Manufacturers v. Taylor, et al; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, a bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system