

manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense services to the United Kingdom for the manufacture and assembly of component parts into completed SINGARDS Advanced Tactical Communication Systems; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6436. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the effectiveness of programs assisted under the Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988 for fiscal year 2005 to fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6437. 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" (73 FR 28037) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6438. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report for fiscal year 2007 relative to the Food and Drug Administration's adherence to conditions established in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6439. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period that ended March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6440. A communication from the Chairperson, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting proposed amendments to the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6441. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Rates; Puerto Rico and Hawaii County, HI" (RIN3206-AL28) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6442. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compensatory Time Off for Travel; Prevailing (Wage) Employees" (RIN3206-AL52) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6443. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Controller, received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6444. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accounting for the Costs of Employee Stock Ownership Plans Sponsored by Government Contractors" (Docket No. 3110-01) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6445. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, to

March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6446. A communication from the Acting Chief Acquisition Officer and Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-25" (FAC 2005-25) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6447. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6448. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6449. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Auditor's Examination of Contract Cost and Administration for the Integrated Tax System"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6450. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, statements describing the organization's financial condition as of December 31, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6451. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and change in previously submitted reported information for the position of U.S. Attorney, District of South Carolina, received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6452. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of a Genealogy Program" (RIN1615-AB19) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6453. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on May 29, 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. VITTER:

S. 3076. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for expenses relating to home schooling; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. MCCAIN)):

S. 3077. A bill to strengthen transparency and accountability in Federal spending; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3078. A bill to establish a National Innovation Council, to improve the coordination of innovation activities among industries in

the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. BROWN):

S.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should sign the Declaration of the Oslo Conference on Cluster Munitions and future instruments banning cluster munitions that cause unacceptable harm to civilians; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 581. A resolution designating June 6, 2008, as "National Huntington's Disease Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 86. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States, through the International Whaling Commission, should use all appropriate measures to end commercial whaling in all of its forms and seek to strengthen measures to conserve whale species; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 937

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.