As a resident of the outlying area of Clearwater County, the price of gas is wreaking havoc. The prices on goods in Orofino have risen dramatically. People go to Lewiston a lot to shop, but that has become prohibitive also. The economy in general is taking a hit because it is costing the timber companies an arm and leg to haul logs, therefore it is trickling down to the other businesses. Recreation is being hit because people cannot afford the fuel. Something has to be done. As a country we need to band together to help conserve energy, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil sources. It seems to be yet another case of the rich getting richer, and the poor getting poorer. What would happen to this nation if for one week, nothing moved? No food was hauled, no freight was moved, no gasoline was purchased. For the first time in my lifetime, I fear that a depression is nearing. I have to wonder if anyone has the power to fight this, or are we too late?

CRISTINE, *Orofino*.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### REMEMBERING LANI SILVER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the memory of a remarkable woman, Lani Silver. Lani was a passionate activist, oral historian, journalist, filmmaker, speaker, and artist who passed away January 28, 2009.

Lani was born on March 28, 1948, in Lynn, MA. Shortly after she was born, her family moved to San Francisco. When she was 19, Lani traveled to South Africa, where she observed the awful impacts of apartheid. Lani was profoundly affected by this experience, and when she returned to San Francisco she began what was to become a lifetime commitment to progressive causes.

In 1981, Lani founded the Holocaust Oral History Project. Over the next 20 years she recorded over 1,700 oral histories, with over 1,400 Holocaust survivors and witnesses. Lani also served as a consultant to Steven Speilberg's Shoah Foundation, which recorded 53,000 Holocaust survivor oral histories. Thanks to Lani's vision and determination, these valuable stories were not lost forever.

Lani's commitment to social justice took many forms. In 2006 she cowrote and produced an opera about Yukiko Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania who, during World War II rescued thousands of Jews during the Holocaust by hand-writing visas against the orders of the Japanese Government. Lani also organized events, exhibits, and media campaigns around the world to honor Sugihara and make sure his important story would not be forgotten.

In 2000, Lani founded the James Byrd Jr. Racism Oral History Project, in honor of James Byrd, Jr., who was brutally murdered in Jasper, TX, in 1998 by three White supremacists. The project has recorded 2,500 oral histories on racism in America with participants from the San Francisco Bay area, Jasper, and Houston, TX.

Lani's many contributions have not gone unrecognized. In 1996, Lani received the Woman of the Year award from KQED public television and radio, and in 2003 she received the Alumni of the Year award from the City College of San Francisco.

Lani stood out as a driven activist who cared for her community deeply and will be remembered by friends and colleagues as earnest, humble, and dedicated to the ongoing fight for equality and fairness. Her optimism, dedication, and courage are reflected by the thousands of individuals whose lives she has enriched and improved. We will always be grateful for Lani's example of passionate activism.

Lani is survived by sisters Lori Silver and Lynn Jacobs; nieces Sara Silver Jacobs, Brette Silver Jacobs, and Lauren Shaber; nephews Jose Jacobs and Justin Shaber, and brother-in-law Syd Shaber. Our hearts go out to Lani's family and friends during this difficult time.•

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 912. An act to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 912. An act to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## 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–560. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Exemption From Registration for Certain Firms With Regulation 30.10 Relief'' (RIN3038-AC26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–561. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's 2009 Report on Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–562. A communication from the Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–563. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendments to Rules for Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations'' (RIN3235-AK14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–564. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Capital Classifications and Critical Capital Levels for the Federal Home Loan Banks'' (RIN2590-AA21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–565. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Portfolio Holdings'' (RIN2590-AA22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–566. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Report on the Taxation of Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefits in Calendar Years 1997 through 2004''; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–567. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Capital, Performance, and Partnerships, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–568. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Geographic Variation in Drug Prices and Spending in the Part D Program''; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–569. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Visas: Documentation of Immigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended: Electronic Petition for Diversity Immigrant Status'' (RIN1400-AB84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–570. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a report relative to the designation of countries of particular concern and a Memorandum of Justification; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–571. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture & Trade, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–572. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for fiscal years 2005–2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–573. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Office of Labor-Management Standards, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

''Labor Organization Annual Financial Reports'' (RIN1215-AB62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–574. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–575. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–576. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to mileage reimbursement rates for Federal employees who use privately owned vehicles while on official travel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–577. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Status of Telework in the Federal Government''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–578. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program Report for Fiscal Year 2008''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–579. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Security Privacy Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–580. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to the United States Department of Homeland Security Other Transaction Authority Report to Congress, Fiscal Years 2004–2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–581. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-29'' (FAC 2005-29, Amendment-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–582. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–524, ''Title 22 Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–583. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–536, ''Firearms Control Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–584. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–576, ''Property and Casualty Actuarial Opinion Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–585. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–577, ''Benning-Stoddert Recreation Center Property Lease Approval Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–586. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–578, ''Contract No. DCAM–2007–C–0092 Change Orders Approval and Payment Authorization Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–587. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–579, ''New Town Boundary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–588. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–580, ''Rhode Island Avenue Metro Plaza Revenue Bonds Approval Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–589. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–581, ''New Convention Center Hotel Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–590. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–582, ''Real Property Tax Benefits Revision Temporary Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–591. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–583, ''SOME, Inc. Technical Amendments Temporary Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–592. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–584, ''Adoption and Safe Families Continuing Compliance Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–593. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–585, ''Neighborhood Supermarket Tax Relief Clarification Temporary Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–594. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–586, ''Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission District of Columbia Commissioner Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–595. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–588, ''Fiscal Year 2009 Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation Allowable Administrative Costs Increase Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–596. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–589, ''Utility Line Temporary Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–597. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–590, ''University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–598. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–591, ''Vehicle Towing, Storage, and Conveyance Fee Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–599. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–592, ''Protection of Students with Disabilities Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–600. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–605, ''Ward 4 Neighborhood Investment Fund Boundary Expansion Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–601. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–606, ''Pharmacy Practice Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–602. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–607, ''Close Up Foundation Sales Tax Exemption Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–603. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–608, ''Adverse Event Reporting Requirement Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–604. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–609, ''Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 1872, S.O. 05–2617, Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–605. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–610, ''Closing of a Public Alley in Square 375, S.O. 06–656, Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–606. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–611, ''Inclusionary Zoning Final Rulemaking Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–607. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–612, ''Veterans Appreciation Scholarship Fund Establishment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–608. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–613, ''Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Program Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–609. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–618, ''Anti-Littering Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–610. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–619, ''Historic Motor Vehicle Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–611. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–620, ''Insurance Coverage for Emergency Department HIV Testing Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–612. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–621, ''Debris Removal Mutual Aid Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–613. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–622, ''Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission Composition Amendment Act 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–614. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–623, ''Abatement of Nuisance Properties and Tenant Receivership Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–615. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–624, ''School Safety and Security Contracting Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–616. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–625, ''Retired Police Annuity Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–617. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–626, ''Solid Waste Disposal Fee Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–618. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–627, ''Langston Hughes Way Designation Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–619. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–629, ''Targeted Ward 4 Single Sales Moratorium and Neighborhood Grocery Retailer Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–620. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–630, ''Public Schools Hearing Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–621. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–631, ''Fiscal Year 2009 Balanced Budget Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–622. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–632, ''Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Plan Repeal Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–623. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–634, ''Juvenile Speedy Trial Equity Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–624. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–635, ''Duke Ellington Way, Chuck Brown Way, and Cathy Hughes Way at the Howard Theater Designation Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–625. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–636, ''Reverend Dr. Luke Mitchell, Jr. Way Designation Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–626. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–637, ''Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus Designation Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–627. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–638, ''Taxation Without Representation Street Renaming Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–628. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–639, ''Dr. Purvis J. Williams Auditorium and Athletic Field Designation Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–629. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–640, ''Hal Gordon Way Designation Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–630. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–641, ''Appointment of the Chief Medical Examiner Temporary Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–631. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–642, ''Day Care and Senior Services Temporary Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–632. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–655, ''Prohibition of the Investment of Public Funds in Certain Companies Doing Business with the Government of Iran and Sudan Divestment Conformity Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–633. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–656, ''Bolling Air Force Base Military Housing Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Tax Relief Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–634. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on

D.C. Act 17–657, ''New Convention Center Hotel Technical Amendments Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–635. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–658, ''Asbury United Methodist Church Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–636. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–659, ''Closing of a Public Alley in Square 617, S.O. 07–9709, Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–637. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–660, ''Rhode Island Avenue Metro Plaza Revenue Bonds Approval Amendment Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–638. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–661, ''Bud Doggett Way Designation Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–639. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17–662, ''Closing of a Public Alley and Extinguishment of a Public-Alley Easement in Square 749, S.O. 07–8916, Act of 2008'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–640. A communication from the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2009–2014''; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC–641. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of action on a nomination for the position of Director of National Intelligence, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC–642. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report entitled ''Report to the Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–643. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)'' (RIN1110–AA30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–644. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005: Fee for Self-Certification for Regulated Sellers of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products'' (RIN1117–AB13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–645. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary and Deputy Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office; Correcting Amendments'' (RIN0651–AB55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–646. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary and Deputy Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Changes in Requirements for Signature of Documents, Recognition of Representatives, and Establishing and Changing the Correspondence Address in Trademark Cases'' (RIN0651–AC26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–647. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Credit Risk Management, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Lender Oversight Program'' (RIN3245–AE14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC–648. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Portfolio Management Division, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Debt Collection; Clarification of Administrative Wage Garnishment Regulation and Reassignment of Hearing Official'' (RIN3245–AF72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC–649. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Small Business Energy Efficiency Program'' (RIN3245–AF75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC–650. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rules Relating to Reparation Proceedings'' (RIN3038–AC59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–651. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's plan to conduct a streamlined A–76 competition of aircraft maintenance functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–652. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost for the VH–71 Presidential Helicopter Replacement Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–653. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitions in fiscal year 2008 and 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–654. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Public Housing Operating Fund Program: Increased Terms of Energy Performance Contracts'' (RIN2577–AC66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–655. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Prohibition on Use of Indian Community Development Block Grant Assistance for Employment Relocation Activities; Final Rule'' (RIN2577–AC78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–656. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Civil Money Penalties: Certain Prohibited Conduct'' (RIN2501–AD23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–657. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA): Rule To Simplify and Improve the Process of Obtaining Mortgages and Reduce Consumer Settlement Costs; Deferred Applicability Date for the Revised Definition of 'Required Use' '' (RIN2502–AI61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–658. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments'' ((Docket No. 30646)(Amendment No. 3303)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–659. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''2008 Rates for Pilotage on the Great Lakes'' (RIN1625–AB23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–660. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Saugus River, Lynn, MA'' ((RIN1625–AA00)(Docket No. USCG–2008–1026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–661. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations;

Clovis, New Mexico'' (MB Docket No. 08–132) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–662. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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; Inseason Adjustment to the 2009 Gulf of Alaska Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts'' (RIN0648–XM48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–663. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer'' (RIN0648–XM32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–664. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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; Inseason Adjustment to the 2009 Bering Sea Pollock Total Allowable Catch Amount; Correction'' (RIN0648–XM47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–665. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Amendments to the Spiny Lobster Fishery Management Plans for the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic'' (RIN0648–AV61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–666. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 14'' (RIN0648–AU28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–667. 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 ''International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Revisions to Regulations for Vessels Authorized to Fish for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean and to Requirements for the Submission of Fisheries Certificates of Origin'' (RIN0648–AV37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–668. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Implementation of the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008'' (WC Docket No. 08–171) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–669. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director of Energy, Science, and Water, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Island Creek Local Protection Project at Logan, West Virginia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–670. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to ecosystem restoration in the vicinity of East St. Louis, Illinois; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–671. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Annual Superfund Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2008''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–672. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions'' (RIN2020–AA48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–673. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Oklahoma: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision'' (FRL–8767–9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–674. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Oil Pollution Prevention; Non-Transportation Related Onshore Facilities; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Rule—Final Amendments'' (FRL–8770–7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–675. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for Black Abalone'' (RIN0648–AW32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–676. 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 ''Treatment of Corporations Whose Instruments Are Acquired By The Treasury Department Under Certain Programs Pursuant To The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008'' (Notice 2009–14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–677. A communication from the Program Manager of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Medicaid Program; Premiums and Cost Sharing'' (RIN0938–AO47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–678. A communication from the Program Manager of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Medicaid Programs; State Flexibility for Medicaid Benefit Packages: Delay of Effective Date'' (RIN0938–AO48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–679. 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 2009–9—2009–12); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–680. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to assistance given to Eurasia during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–681. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Corporation's employment category rating system activities for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–682. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitive sourcing activities for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## 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 Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BURR, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 402. A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 403. A bill for the relief of Ibrahim Parlak; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. BURRIS):

S. 404. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 405. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 406. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide Medicaid coverage of drugs prescribed for certain research