

Emergency Exemptions" (FRL-8400-1) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-956. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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EC-959. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Japan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-960. 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; Scranton, Pennsylvania" (MB Docket No. 08-125) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-961. A communication from the Chief, Branch of Listing, 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 the Louisiana Black Bear (*Ursus americanus luteolus*)" (RIN1018-AV52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-962. A communication from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for the Contiguous United States Distinct Population Segment of the Canada Lynx" (RIN1018-AV78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-963. A communication from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing *Phyllostegia hispida* (No Common Name) as Endangered Throughout Its Range" (RIN1018-AV00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-964. 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; District of Columbia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-8775-3) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-965. 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; Maryland; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-8775-2) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-966. 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; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Greene County 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory" (FRL-8777-3) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-967. 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; Virginia; Amendments to the Open Burning Regulation" (FRL-8773-1) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-968. 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; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Clearfield/Indiana 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory" (FRL-8777-4) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-969. 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; Alabama; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-8759-9) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-970. 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; Texas; Revisions to Permits by Rule and Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification" (FRL-8780-5) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-971. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Determination to Approve Research, Development, and Demonstration Request for the Salt River Landfill" (FRL-8777-9) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-972. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursu-

ant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, the semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-973. A communication from the Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union, transmitting a report relative to the annual session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-974. 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 2009-0028 - 2009-0030); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-975. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Australia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-976. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-977. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad with Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-978. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of major defense equipment and associated technical data and defense services in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-979. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-980. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the status of a report relative to the need for and feasibility of a mental health scholarship program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2012.

*Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. WARNER:

S. 606. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Veterans Corps program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 607. A bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 608. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 to exclude secondary sales, repair services, and certain vehicles from the ban on lead in children's products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 609. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Nonprofit Capacity Building Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 610. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 611. A bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 612. A bill to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 613. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to approve certain biologics license applications by the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 614. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP"); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 615. A bill to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 616. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize medical simulation enhancement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 617. A bill to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 618. A bill to improve the calculation of, the reporting of, and the accountability for, secondary graduation rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE)):

S. 619. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 620. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; considered and passed.

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

S. 621. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 622. A bill to ensure parity between the temporary duty imposed on ethanol and tax credits provided on ethanol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 623. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit preexisting condition exclusions in group health plans and in health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 624. A bill to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis by 2015 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 625. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 626. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, *supra*.

S. 316

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduction in the rate of tax on qualified timber gain of corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 365

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 365, a bill to establish in the Department of Justice the Nationwide Mortgage Fraud Task Force to address mortgage fraud in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to eliminate the 5-month waiting period for Social Security disability and the 24-month waiting period for Medicare benefits in the cases of individuals with disabling burn injuries.

S. 422

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38,