

the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 5 of the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-21), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the Senate jointly appoint the following individual to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: Mr. Phil Angelides of Sacramento, California, Chairman. Additionally the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives: Ms. Brooksley Born of Washington, DC, and Mr. John W. Thompson of Woodside, California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 5 of the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-21), the Minority Leader appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Honorable William M. Thomas of Bakersfield, California, Vice Chairman, and Mr. Peter J. Wallison of Old Snowmass, Colorado.

#### 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-2415. 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 "Standards for Permanent, Privately Owned Horse Quarantine Facilities" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0013) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2416. 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 "User Fees; Export Certification for Plants and Plant Products" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0137) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2417. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Prevention of Salmonella Enteritidis in Shell Eggs During Production, Storage, and Transportation" (RIN0910-AC14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2418. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Quarterly Report to Congress on the Status of Significant Unresolved Issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2419. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Manned Ground Vehicle Selected Acquisition Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2420. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program" (RIN3064-AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2421. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program to Extend the Debt Guarantee Program and to Impose Surcharges on Assessments for Certain Debt Issued on or After April 1, 2009" (RIN3064-AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2422. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons on the Entity List; Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States; Removal of Persons based on ERC Annual Review and Removal Requests; and Entry Modified for Purposes of Clarification" (RIN0694-AE59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2423. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending" (Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1364) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2424. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2425. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2426. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Smart Grid Policy" (RIN1902-AD82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "S-Abscisic Acid; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8427-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Hawaii; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8916-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2429. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (5) reports relative to vacancy announcements and (4) reports relative to confirmations within the Office of Management and Budget; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2430. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio; Volatile Organic Compound Emission Control Measures for Cleveland" (FRL No. 8932-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2431. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Use of Byproduct Material—Authorized User Clarification" (RIN3150-AI59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2432. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Transportation Conformity Memorandum of Agreement Update" (FRL No. 8936-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2433. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Draft Strategic Plan 2009 through 2014"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2434. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Biennial Report on Occupational Safety and Health Inspections"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2435. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the New Haven-Hartford and New London, Connecticut, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AL83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2436. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recruitment and Selection through Competitive Examination" (RIN3206-AL13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2437. A communication from the General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination for the position of Deputy Director for Management, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2438. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 252. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-60).

### 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. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1513. A bill to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1514. A bill to ensure safe, secure, and reliable marine shipping in the Arctic including the availability of aids to navigation, vessel escorts, spill response capability, and maritime search and rescue in the Arctic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1515. A bill to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1516. A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons who have been released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1517. A bill to enhance domestic energy security by increasing production from fos-

sil-based resources in the outer Continental Shelf in an economically and environmentally responsible manner; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 223. A resolution designating September 2009 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by these charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of our Nation; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 224. A resolution recognizing the increasingly beneficial relationship between the United States and the Republic of Indonesia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Con. Res. 35. A concurrent resolution authorizing printing of the pocket version of the United States Constitution; considered and agreed to.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 182

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name 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 and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor 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. 540

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to liability under State and local requirements respecting devices.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Gov-

ernors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 801, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 1005

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1005, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator