EC–3228. 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; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference'' (FRL No. 8952–8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3229. 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; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for New Hampshire'' (FRL No. 8955–9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3230. 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 ''Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Reconsideration of Inclusion of Fugitive Emissions'' (FRL No. 8937–8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3231. 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 ''Mandatory Reporting of Green House Gases'' (FRL No. 8963–5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3232. 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 ''TD–9465—Determination of Interest Expense Deduction of Foreign Corporations'' (RIN1545–BF71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–3233. 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 ''Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought in Specified Counties'' (Notice 2009–81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–3234. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Extension of Package Use-Up Rule for Roll-Your-Own Tobacco and Pipe Tobacco (2009R–368P)'' (RIN1513–AB75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–3235. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the biennial report entitled ''The Impact of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act''; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM–84. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee urging the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to accept Rhea County's proposed donation of its old hospital building, facilities, and campus to the VA and to utilize such building, facilities, and campus to locate a VA medical facility at such site; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 546

A Resolution relative to the location of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Rhea County.

Whereas, East Tennessee is in great need of a medical facility to serve its brave veterans; and

Whereas, because of Rhea County's central location, the location of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital there would serve approximately 30,000 veterans from East Tennessee, North Georgia, and Northern Alabama; and

Whereas, presently, veterans living in East Tennessee must travel 150 miles to the Alvin C. York VA facility in Murfeesboro for medical treatment; this extensive travel creates a hardship for most of these veterans; and

Whereas, Rhea County has recently opened a new hospital and has generously offered to donate its old hospital building, facilities, and campus to the VA for the express purpose of locating a much needed medical facility there to serve the veterans of East Tennessee; and

Whereas, the Old Rhea County Medical Center building could be easily modified to house 150 beds, and the building is still equipped with modern technology and modern operational systems; and

Whereas, easily accessible from U.S. Highway 27, the old Rhea County hospital property includes 132 vacant acres that could be utilized for expansion in the future; and

Whereas, in addition to serving the medical needs of our East Tennessee veterans, the location of a VA medical facility in Rhea County would create new jobs in the area; and

Whereas, our veterans have sacrificed a great deal in defending and protecting our Nation, and the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government should work together to adequately provide for the medical needs of these valiant citizens; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the one hundred sixth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Senate concurring, That this General Assembly strongly urges and encourages the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to accept Rhea County's proposed donation of its old hospital building, facilities, and campus to the VA and to utilize such building, facilities, and campus to locate a VA medical facility at such site. Be it further

Resolved, That this General Assembly urges each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation to use the full measure of his or her power and influence to facilitate the location of a VA medical facility at the old Rhea County hospital campus; and be it further

Resolved, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Brack Obama, President of the United States; the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs; the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation; and the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 327, a bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections (Rept. No. 111–85).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Roberto A. Lange, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

Irene Cornelia Berger, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Charlene Edwards Honeywell, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

David Lyle Cargill, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

Timothy J. Heaphy, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. BURR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1735. A bill to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs .

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. REID):

S. 1736. A bill to provide the spouses and children of aliens who perished in the September 11 terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1737. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the number of children eligible for free school meals, with a phased-in transition period; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1738. A bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1739. A bill to promote freedom of the press around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1740. A bill to promote the economic security and safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1741. A bill to authorize States or political subdivisions thereof to regulate fuel economy and emissions standards for taxicabs; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1742. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide assistance for graduate medical education funding for women's hospitals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1743. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1744. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations to ensure that all crewmembers on air carriers have proper qualifications and experience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 1745. A bill to expand whistleblower protections to non-Federal employees whose disclosures involve misuse of Federal funds; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1746. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exempt small pharmacies from certain Medicare accreditation requirements for the purpose of providing diabetic testing strips under part B; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1747. A bill for the relief of Javier Lopez-Urenda and Maria Leticia Arenas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1748. A bill to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 percent of the gross national product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WEBB:

S. Res. 297. A resolution to recognize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique and precious ecosystem; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. INOUYE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 298. A resolution recognizing Filipino American History Month in October 2009; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 299. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month 2009; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DODD, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 300. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week and the work of firefighters in educating and protecting the communities of this Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. SHELBY):

S. Con. Res. 42. A concurrent resolution providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 43. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 254

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home infusion therapy under the Medicare Program.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop guidelines to be used on a voluntary basis to develop plans to manage the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood education programs, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 493

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of ABLE accounts for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) 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 Governors 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. 850

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

S. 870

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the credit for renewable electricity production to include electricity produced from biomass for on-site use and to modify the credit period for certain facilities producing electricity from open-loop biomass.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of