

Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska, Groundfish Observer Program" (RIN0648-AX94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1340. A bill to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Benjamin B. Wagner, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California 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. BROWNBACK:

S. 1835. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow 5-year carryback of operating losses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 1836. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from further regulating the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1837. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover hearing aids and auditory rehabilitation services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1838. A bill to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1839. A bill to provide for duty free treatment for certain United States Government property returned to the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1840. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Linuron; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1841. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Terbacil; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1842. A bill to modify the provisions of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to returned property; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1843. A bill to provide increased penalties for health care fraud; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1844. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ski poles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1845. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Avermectin B; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1846. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on cloquintocet-mexyl; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1847. A bill to modify and extend the suspension of duty on clodinafop-propargyl; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1848. A bill to modify and extend the suspension of duty on fludioxinil technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1849. A bill to renew the temporary suspension of duty on primsulfuron; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1850. A bill to modify and extend the suspension of duty on pinoxaden; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1851. A bill to modify and extend the suspension of duty on azoxytobrin; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1852. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on proslufuron technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1853. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on mefenoxam technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1854. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on pymetrozine technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1855. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on cyproconazole technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1856. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to clarify policies regarding ownership of pore space; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1857. A bill to establish national centers of excellence for the treatment of depressive and bipolar disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. REID):

S. 1858. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; read the first time.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KOHL, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1859. A bill to reinstate Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1860. A bill to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1861. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-year extension

of the increased rehabilitation credit for structures in the Gulf Opportunity Zone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1862. A bill to provide that certain Secret Service employees may elect to transition to coverage under the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 320. A resolution designating May 1 each year as "Silver Star Banner Day"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 453

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants and offer technical assistance to local governments and others to design and implement innovative policies, programs, and projects that address widespread property vacancy and abandonment, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) 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. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, supra.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) 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. 634

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the transparency of information on skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities and to clarify and improve the targeting of the enforcement of requirements with respect to such facilities.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the availability of appropriated funds for international partnership contact activities conducted by the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) 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. 934

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 934, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren and protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs by updating the national school nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold outside of school meals to conform to current nutrition science.

S. 945

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) 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 their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the research credit through 2010 and to increase and make permanent the al-

ternative simplified research credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 1340

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1340, a bill to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund.

S. 1345

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. KIRK, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the "Longfellow House—Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site".

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1536, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reduce the amount of Federal highway funding available to States that do not enact a law prohibiting an individual from writing, sending, or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 1660

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1660, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1681

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1681, a bill to ensure that health insurance issuers and medical malpractice insurance issuers cannot engage in price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations to the detriment of competition and consumers.

S. 1728

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyer credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to promote freedom of the press around the world.

S. 1744

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1777

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1777, a bill to facilitate the remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 1801

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1801, a bill to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes.

S. 1809

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1809, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote the certification of aftermarket conversion systems and thereby encourage the increased use of alternative fueled vehicles.

S. 1820

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1820, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels.

S. 1822

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1822, a bill to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, with respect to considerations

of the Secretary of the Treasury in providing assistance under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1832

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1832, a bill to increase loan limits for small business concerns, provide for low interest refinancing for small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 to establish an earlier effective date for various consumer protections, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 317

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 317, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence.

S. RES. 318

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 318, a resolution supporting "Lights On After-school", a national celebration of afterschool programs.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 1836. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from further regulating the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce legislation that would prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from enacting rules that would seek to regulate the Internet. Today the commission will meet to determine whether the historically open architecture and free flow of the Internet should be subject to onerous Federal regulation. Specifically, the commission will seek to impose "net neutrality" rules that would

reign in the network management practices of all Internet service providers, including wireless phone companies.

Skeptical consumers should rightly view these new rules as yet another government power grab over a private service provided by a private company in a competitive marketplace. Earlier this year the administration moved to control much of the auto industry and the banking industry and now the administration is trying to control the technology industry by regulating its very core: the Internet.

This government takeover of the Internet will stifle innovation, in turn slowing our economic turnaround and further depressing an already anemic job market. Outside of health care, the technology industry is the nation's fastest growing job market. Innovation and job growth in this sector of our economy is the key to America's future prosperity. In 2008, while most industries were slashing jobs in the worst economy in nearly 30 years, high tech industries actually added over 77,000 good high-paying jobs. Just this month, Google and Yahoo both released positive earnings reports.

According to a report released last week by the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, which oversees the stimulus plan, 30,000 jobs have been directly created or saved by contractors who received money from the \$787 billion stimulus package for infrastructure and social programs. This pales in comparison to the fact that the high tech industry produced more than double the number of jobs so far "created or saved" by the so-called "stimulus legislation." It did so without the assistance of \$787 billion from the wallets of taxpayers. Maybe a better stimulus package for this economy would be an administration decision to keep the Internet free of government control and regulation.

Unfortunately, the administration seems oblivious to the fact that their stated opposition to the supposed excesses of capitalism is at odds with a new regulatory regime being lobbied for by the most powerful businesses. As the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission has recognized, Americans have benefitted enormously from the Internet's "fundamental architecture of openness." The light touch regulatory approach toward the Internet that was advanced by previous administrations has brought Americans social networking, low cost long distance calling, texting, telemedicine and over 85,000 "apps" for the iPhone. It also brought us Twitter, You Tube, Hulu, Kindle, the Blackberry and the Palm. It has allowed the Internet to change our lives forever.

The wireless industry exploded over the past twenty years due to limited government regulation. Wireless carriers invested \$100 billion in infrastructure and development over the past three years which has led to faster networks, more competitors in the marketplace and lower prices compared to