

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XS72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3778. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report relative to the use of federal assistance provided to Department of Commerce partners; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2727. A bill to provide for continued application of arrangements under the Protocol on Inspections and Continuous Monitoring Activities Relating to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms in the period following the Protocol's termination on December 5, 2009 (Rept. No. 111-100).

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. CORNYN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. BURR):

S. 2807. A bill to ensure that the victims and victims' families of the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, receive the same treatment, benefits, and honors as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2808. A bill to improve the Express Loan Program of the Small Business Act; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2809. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for treatment and support services for Alzheimer's patients and their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2810. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency disaster assistance to certain agricultural producers that suffered losses during the 2009 calendar year; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2811. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 2812. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2813. A bill to increase corporate responsibility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2814. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2815. A bill to extend certain housing-related deadlines in the Heartland Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 358. A resolution designating December 12, 2009, as "Wreaths Across America Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 146

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to amend the Federal anti-trust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 588, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as

cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 1067

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1067, a bill to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1297

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1297, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1583

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1583, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2014, and for other purposes.

S. 1672

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1672, a bill to reauthorize the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000.

S. 1780

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1780, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1790

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1790, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee

(Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize reviews by the Comptroller General of the United States of emergency credit facilities established by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any Federal Reserve bank, and for other purposes.

S. 1939

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1939, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 2097

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2097, a bill to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I.

S. 2129

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2129, a bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum.

S. 2747

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2747, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 2757

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2757, a bill to authorize the adjustment of status for immediate family members of persons who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts and for other purposes.

S. 2785

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2785, a bill to provide grants to improve after-school interdisciplinary education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2793

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2793, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to pro-

vide for clarification on the use of funds relating to certain homeland security grants, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 341

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 341, a resolution supporting peace, security, and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2811. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2811

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT.

Section 6 of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 707) is amended by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively, and by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

"(c)(1) Except in the case of hunting and other activity allowed under section 3, whoever, in violation of this Act, intentionally and maliciously takes by any manner any migratory bird shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$50,000 or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both, for each violation.

"(2) Any person who intentionally and maliciously commits any other act or omission in violation of this Act or any regulations issued under this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$50,000 or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both, for each violation.

"(3) The Secretary or the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay, from sums received as fines under this subsection and subject to the availability of appropriations, a reward to any person who furnishes information that leads to an arrest or a criminal conviction for any violation of this Act. The amount of the reward, if any, shall be designated by the Secretary or the Secretary of the Treasury, as appropriate. Any officer or employee of the United States or any State or local government who furnishes information or renders service in the performance of his or her official duties is ineligible for payment under this paragraph."

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself,
Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. UDALL
of Colorado):

S. 2812. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Nuclear Power 2021 Act, which is cosponsored by Senator MURKOWSKI and Senator UDALL from Colorado.

This bill, along with Senator UDALL's bill S. 2052 are designed to give the Department of Energy a set of specific programmatic authorities to help address ways to lower the up-front capital cost of nuclear reactors. The National Academies of Science in their recent America's Energy Future study determined that by 2030 we will need essentially to double the existing base load power provided by nuclear energy or about another 100 gigawatts.

But before we can make such a large and dramatic increase in nuclear energy, I believe we must demonstrate the ability to construct "first-mover" reactors in the U.S. that are on cost and schedule. The National Academies likewise confirmed this as one of two principal demonstrations that must be carried out during the next decade to more fully understand the range of available options for controlling carbon emissions from energy production. The other challenge of commensurate importance that they identified is the demonstration of carbon capture and sequestration on a large scale for fossil-fuel based energy production.

In that regard, the bill I am introducing today addresses the topic of small modular reactors, which are typically rated with a capacity of less than 300 electrical megawatts; and that can be constructed and operated in combination with similar reactors at a single site. These reactors can be less capital intensive than the larger 1,000 megawatt reactors currently being licensed at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; they have the potential to be built in a modular fashion much like our current fleet of nuclear submarines.

This bill is similar to the Department of Energy's Nuclear Power 2010 program; it concentrates not so much on the research and development of these reactors but demonstrating the ability to license them. Senator UDALL's bill authorizes the Department to conduct research on these reactors with the goal of reducing cost while operating them in a safe and secure fashion.

More specifically, this bill authorizes the Secretary of Energy to work in a public private partnership to develop a standard design for two modular reactors, one of which will not be more than 50 megawatts; obtain a design certification from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for each design by 2018; and obtain a combined operating license from the Commission by 2021.

All of this effort would be cost shared by non-federal funds and selected under competitive merit review process while emphasizing efficiency, cost, safety and proliferation resistance.

The climate change issue we face today is too large to exclude any one