

would give all stakeholders an answer to the fundamental question, “Was this a good or a bad year in the fight against Alzheimer’s?”

The National Alzheimer’s Plan will include appropriate performance measures and benchmarks to allow legislators to evaluate progress in the fight against Alzheimer’s. The assessment and priority recommendations will likely address issues such as the underinvestment in Alzheimer’s research. By addressing Alzheimer’s disease and dementia directly, the National Alzheimer’s Plan will also call attention to the many steps that can be taken to improve recognition, diagnosis and care for people with these conditions, reduce symptom severity, support family caregivers, and encourage “healthy brain” behaviors that may reduce risk for these conditions.

With the leadership of the Federal Government and input from all stakeholders, including Alzheimer’s patient advocates, health care providers, State health departments, voluntary health associations, and researchers, this bill would allow an opportunity for all worthy entities addressing Alzheimer’s, including organizations at the State and at the national level, to come together on advisory council to make recommendations and implement a national strategic plan to overcome this dreadful disease. The advisory council will also ensure buy-in, leadership, and coordination of all related Federal agencies conducting Alzheimer-related care, services, and research.

One of the principal objectives of the advisory council is to represent a broad range of expert stakeholders within the Alzheimer’s community to provide input and recommendations to the Federal Government on a national strategic direction for combating Alzheimer’s disease. When crafting this legislation, the sponsors were careful to include patient advocates, caregivers, and providers who serve at the front lines of Alzheimer’s care and who understand on a personal level the toll of this disease on patients and their families. Additionally, sponsors of S. 3036 included representatives of State health departments and Alzheimer’s researchers who have expertise regarding the impact of this disease on public health as well as the state of the science in discovering prevention methods, treatments, and cures. Lastly, sponsors sought to include national voluntary health associations on the council, who provide invaluable research, care, support services, and advocacy tools for patients, caregivers, and local organizations throughout the country. It is our intent that two national organizations have representation on the council.

The threat that Alzheimer’s disease poses to the health and wellbeing of our Nation demands an aggressive and well-coordinated response. This bill creates the first-ever national plan to combat Alzheimer’s and ensures that every dollar spent on the disease will

be used to get the best possible care for patients. At a time when medical research funds are too scarce and we are struggling to provide quality health care for all Americans, for the first time we will be able to assess all Federal efforts related to Alzheimer’s disease, ensure existing resources are maximized, enhance the delivery of quality care, and support the kind of research that will one day result in a cure for this devastating disease.

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-8339. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8340. 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 “Spiroxamine; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8850-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8341. 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 “Metrafenone; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8854-6A) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8342. 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 “N,N,N’,N’-Tetrakis-(2-Hydroxypropyl) Ethylenediamine (NTHE); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 8851-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8343. 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 “Polyoxyalkylated Glycerol Fatty Acid Esters; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL No. 8852-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8344. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of New Agency; Revision of Delegations of Authority” (RIN0524-AA63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8345. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, five Selected Acquisition Reports

(SARs) for the quarter ending September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8346. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-113, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel’s Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8347. 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; Extension of Attainment Date for the Atlanta, Georgia 1997 8-Hour Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area” (FRL No. 9234-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8348. 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; Georgia: Stage II Vapor Recovery” (FRL No. 9234-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8349. 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; North Carolina: Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir; Determination of Attaining Data for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction” (FRL No. 9235-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8350. 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; North Carolina: Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point; Determination of Attaining Data for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction” (FRL No. 9235-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8351. 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 “Addition of National Toxicology Program Carcinogens; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting” (FRL No. 9231-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8352. 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 “Air Quality Designations for the 2008 Lead (Pb) National Ambient Air Quality Standards” (FRL No. 9230-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8353. 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; New Mexico; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 9230-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8354. 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; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions From Industrial Solvent Cleaning Operations; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9231-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8355. 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; Ohio; Ohio Portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area; 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9232-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8356. 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; Indiana; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 9232-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8357. 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; Idaho" (FRL No. 9231-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8358. 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; Oklahoma; State Implementation Plan Revisions for Interstate Transport of Pollution, Prevention of Significant Deterioration, Nonattainment New Source Review, Source Registration and Emissions Reporting and Rules of Practice and Procedure" (FRL No. 9230-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8359. 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 "Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Addition of Incentive for Regulatory Flexibility for its Environmental Stewardship Program" (FRL No. 9231-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8360. 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; Idaho" (FRL No. 9231-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8361. 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 "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: 2011 Renewable Fuel Standards" (FRL No. 9234-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8362. 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 Greenhouse Gases" (FRL No. 9234-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8363. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2142. To require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1275. A bill to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

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. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 4011. A bill to establish the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 4012. A bill to improve the employability of older Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 4013. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate a rule to improve the daytime and nighttime visibility of agricultural equipment that may be oper-

ated on a public road; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 4014. A bill to provide for the replacement or rebuilding of a vessel for the non American Fisheries Act trawl catcher processors that comprise the Amendment 80 fleet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 696. A resolution making minority party appointments for certain committees for the 111th Congress; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2982

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2982, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 3039

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3039, a bill to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes.

S. 3797

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3797, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of quality universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 3881

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3881, a bill to require the Secretary of State to identify individuals responsible for the detention, abuse, or death of Sergei Magnitsky or for the conspiracy to defraud the Russian Federation of taxes on corporate profits through fraudulent transactions and lawsuits against Hermitage, and to impose a visa ban and certain financial measures with respect to such individuals, until the Russian Federation has thoroughly investigated the death of Sergei Magnitsky and brought the Russian criminal justice system into compliance with international legal standards, and for other purposes.

S. 3919

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3919, a bill to remove the