EC–3629. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Lycoming Engines Model IO–720–A1B Reciprocating Engines'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2011–0604)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3630. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; WYTWORNIA SPRZETU KOMUNIKACYJNEGO (WSK) ''PZL–RZESZOW''–SPOLKA AKCYJNA (SA) PZL–10W Turboshaft Engines'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2011–0760)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3631. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Restrictions on Operators Employing Former Flight Standards Service Aviation Safety Inspectors; Correction'' (RIN2120–AJ36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. HELLER (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUNT, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1727. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy to conduct a review of military service records of Jewish American veterans of World War I, including those previously awarded a military decoration, to determine whether any of the veterans should be posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 1728. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal offense relating to fraudulent claims about military service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1729. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to clarify that manure is not considered a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 1730. A bill to permit Mexican nationals who legally enter the United States with a valid border Crossing Card through specific ports of entry in New Mexico to remain in southern New Mexico for up to 30 days; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1731. A bill to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1732. A bill to amend section 552a of title 5, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the Privacy Act), the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–347), and chapters 35 and 36 of title 44, United States Code, and other provisions of law to modernize and improve Federal privacy laws; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1733. A bill to establish the Commission on the Review of the Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. Res. 296. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 297. A resolution congratulating the Corporation for Supportive Housing on the 20th anniversary of its founding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. Res. 298. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2011, as the ''National Day on Writing''; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution to authorize the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470, an Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 25

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 25, a bill to phase out the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 296, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide the Food and Drug Administration with improved capacity to prevent drug shortages.

S. 390

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 390, a bill to ensure that the right of an individual to display the Service Flag on residential property not be abridged.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 652

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 652, a bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new job creation through the establishment of an American Infrastructure Financing Authority, to provide for an extension of the exemption from the alternative minimum tax treatment for certain tax-exempt bonds, and for other purposes.

S. 939

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 939, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the furnishing of water and sewage facilities.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to prevent the evasion of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes.

S. 1203

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, 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. 1212

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify the circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information and for other purposes.

S. 1217

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for custom fabricated breast prostheses following a mastectomy.

S. 1265

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1265, 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. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, and for other purposes.

S. 1350

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1350, a bill to expand the research, prevention, and awareness activities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health with respect to pulmonary fibrosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1385

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1385, a bill to terminate the $1 presidential coin program.

S. 1392

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1392, a bill to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, and for other purposes.

S. 1407

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish accreditation requirements for suppliers and providers of air ambulance services, and for other purposes.

S. 1427

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1427, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 1527

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1527, a bill to authorize the award of a Congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines of World War II.

S. 1539

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to provide Taiwan with critically needed United States-built multirole fighter aircraft to strengthen its self-defense capability against the increasing military threat from China.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1568, a bill to amend section 9401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 with regard to waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements.

S. 1578

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to consumer confidence reports by community water systems.

S. 1593

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require State electronic benefit transfer contracts to treat wireless program retail food stores in the same manner as wired program retail food stores.

S. 1615

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1615, a bill to require enhanced economic analysis and justification of regulations proposed by certain Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulators, and for other purposes.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 1616, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1666

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1666, a bill to prohibit the implementation of certain rules of the National Labor Relations Board relating to the posting of notices on unionization.

S. 1676

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1676, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt.

S. 1680

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

S. 1720

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1720, a bill to provide American jobs through economic growth.

S. 1723

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1723, a bill to provide for teacher and first responder stabilization.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1723, supra.

S.J. RES. 28

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 28, a joint resolution limiting the issuance of a letter of offer with respect to a certain proposed sale of defense articles and defense services to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

S. RES. 291

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 291, a resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

AMENDMENT NO. 749

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 749 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2112, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 757

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 757 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2112, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 757 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2112, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 758

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 758 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2112, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 759

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 759 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2112, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 774

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 774 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2112, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 1730. A bill to permit Mexican nationals who legally enter the United States with a valid border Crossing Card through specific ports of entry in New Mexico to remain in southern New Mexico for up to 30 days, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation, along with Senator TOM UDALL, aimed at increasing economic activity in New Mexico communities situated along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Currently, Mexican nationals holding biometric Border Crossing Cards, also known as Laser Visas, may travel up to 25 miles into the United States for a period of up to 30 days. The purpose of this initiative is to promote border commerce by allowing frequent, low-risk visitors to travel to U.S. border communities to conduct business, visit family, and shop.

Unfortunately, New Mexico has not benefited under this program to the extent that other border states have. The three largest cities along the New Mexico border—Las Cruces, Lordsburg, and Deming—are all outside of the current 25-mile geographical limit, and Mexican nationals with BCCs must acquire additional permits to visit these cities.

In order to address a similar situation, an exception was made for Arizona in 1999 to allow BCC holders to travel to Tucson. This change resulted in increased economic activity without in any way jeopardizing security. Tailoring the program to maximize its impact in the respective border states is the right approach, and I fail to see why a similar modification should not be made for New Mexico.

The legislation we are introducing today, the Southern New Mexico Economic Development Act, would expand the geographic limit from 25 miles to 75 miles to permit visitors coming to New Mexico to reach the larger cities in the southern part of the state. This change would facilitate economic activity at a crucial time as border communities are looking to increase tourism and create growth.

Changing this regulation wouldn't cost taxpayer money, it will increase economic activity in communities that have been hit hard by the economic downturn, and will do so in a manner consistent with our border security efforts.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this legislation.

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. 1730

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 ''Southern New Mexico Economic Development Act''.

SEC. 2. TEMPORARY ADMITTANCE OF MEXICAN NATIONALS WITH BORDER CROSSING CARDS.

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall permit a national of Mexico, who enters the United States with a valid Border Crossing Card (as described in section 212.1(c)(1)(i) of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act), and who is admitted to the United States at the Columbus, Santa Teresa, or Antelope Wells port of entry in New Mexico, to remain in New Mexico (within 75 miles of the international border between the United States and Mexico) for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, I rise today to join Senator BINGAMAN in introducing the Southern New Mexico Economic Development Act, legislation that will bring additional business from Mexico to cities and towns in southern New Mexico.

Our bill would increase economic opportunities for southern New Mexico businesses by extending the distance that Mexicans who are issued Border Crossing Cards, BCC, by the U.S. State Department can travel in New Mexico without the need to obtain a Form I–94 and pay an additional fee.

The BCC is a credit card-style document with many security features and 10-year validity. BCCs are only issued to applicants who are citizens and residents of Mexico. Applicants must meet the eligibility standards for B1/B2 visas and undergo fingerprinting and an interview at the U.S. Consulate and they must demonstrate that they have ties to Mexico that would compel them to return after a temporary stay in the United States.

Currently, BCC holders who are authorized to enter into the United States can remain up to 30 days and travel no more than 25 miles beyond the border, except in Arizona where they can travel up to 75 miles. Those who wish to travel farther or remain longer must request an I–94 form, arrival/departure record, at the port of entry and pay a small fee. Our bill would extend the distance BCC holders who enter the United States from New Mexico ports of entry can travel within the State from 25 miles to 75 miles.

Arizona provides a precedent for making this change. In 1999, the border zone in Arizona was extended from 25 miles to 75 miles because there were no large Arizona cities within 25 miles of the border. This was done through the Federal rulemaking process. The extension was designed to specifically include Tucson within the zone so that it could get the economic benefit of BCC holders entering Arizona. Tucson conducted a study indicating that, after implementation of this rule, the commercial gain from Mexican visitors was estimated to reach $56.3 million a year.

However, in Texas, New Mexico, and California, the border zone limit remains 25 miles. This doesn't hurt Texas and California since El Paso, San Diego, and many smaller towns in those states are within the 25 mile zone. However, like Arizona, New Mexico does not have a city within 25 miles of the border. This means BCC holders cannot travel to southern New Mexico cities like Las Cruces, Deming, and Lordsburg without additional paperwork and paying a fee. Because of this, many visitors face the inconvenience