

AI95) received on June 9, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7925. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Timber Fertilization Expenses" (Rev. Rul. 2004-62) received on June 9, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7926. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preproduction Costs of Creative Property" (Rev. Rul. 2004-58) received on June 9, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7927. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preproduction Costs of Creative Properties Safe Harbor Amortization" (Rev. Proc. 2004-36) received on June 9, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7928. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7929. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Egypt Economic Report to the Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7930. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7931. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea and Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7932. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7933. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to Japan and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7934. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Belgium and The Netherlands; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7935. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7936. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7937. A communication from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's internal control systems and their compliance with the provisions of the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7938. A communication from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7939. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methods of Withdrawing Funds from the Thrift Savings Plan; Court Orders and Legal Processes Affecting Thrift Savings Plan Accounts; Loan Program; Thrift Savings Plan" received on June 9, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7940. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8D for Fiscal Years 2000 Through 2003, as of March 31, 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7941. A communication from the Federal Co-chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7942. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7943. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Commerce from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7944. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Change in Federal Wage System Survey Job" (RIN3206-AJ79) received on June 9, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7945. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computation of Overtime Pay" received on June 9, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7946. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Physicians' Comparability Allowances" (RIN3206-AJ96) received on June 9, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7947. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual report to Congress on its competitive sourcing accomplishments; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7948. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7949. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7950. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Education from October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 39. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

## 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. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 2518. A bill to amend the Omnibus Low-Level Radioactive Waste Interstate Compact Consent Act to make the consent of Congress to certain compacts contingent on party states sharing the long-term liability for damages caused by radioactive releases from regional facilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2519. A bill to authorize assistance for education and health care for women and children in Iraq during the reconstruction of Iraq and thereafter, to authorize assistance for the enhancement of political participation, economic empowerment, civil society, and personal security for women in Iraq, to state the sense of Congress on the preservation and protection of the human rights of women and children in Iraq, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2520. A bill to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2521. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain rayon staple fibers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 2522. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for