

EC-587. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Free trade Agreements—Chile and Singapore" (DFARS 2003-D088) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-588. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Firefighting Services Contracts" (DFARS 2003-D107) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-589. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Construction and Architect-Engineer Services" (DFARS 2003-D035) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-590. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competition Requirements" (DFARS 2003-D017) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-591. A communication from the General Counsel, Selective Service System, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Director of the Selective Service System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-592. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination withdrawn for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-593. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the closure of the defense commissary store at Camp Page, South Korea by the end of March 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-594. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the approval to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-595. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning internal management control and financial management control systems; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-596. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contributions and Donations by Minors" received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-597. A communication from the Coordinator, Forms Committee, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report of Receipts and Disbursement for Other than an Authorized Committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-598. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Written Assurance of Technical Data Conformity" (DFARS 2003-D104) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-599. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Per-

sonnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service of acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-600. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-601. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Secretary of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-602. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of General Counsel of the Department of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-603. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment;

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 5. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

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 Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 272. A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BOND, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 273. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend and improve national dairy market loss payments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 274. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to include additional infor-

mation in Social Security account statements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 275. A bill to require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 276. A bill to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 277. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct access to audiologists for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 278. A bill to revise certain requirements for H-2B employers and require submission of information regarding H-2B non-immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 279. A bill to amend the Act of June 7, 1924, to provide for the exercise of criminal jurisdiction; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 280. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the amortization of delay rental payments and geological and geophysical expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 281. A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 282. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to expand the scope of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 283. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for the transportation of food for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KYL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 284. A bill to distribute universal service support equitability throughout rural America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 285. A bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. AKAKA):