

EC-3994. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on the Montgomery G.I. Bill for Members of the Selected Service"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3995. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funding the Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) Program for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3996. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report clarifying a May 4, 2005 report relative to a storm damage reduction project at Silver Strand Shoreline, Imperial Beach, California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3997. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funding for Future Combat Systems (FCS) for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3998. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of Lieutenant General Duncan J. McNabb, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3999. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Levy on Payments to Contractors" (DFARS Case 2004-D033) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4000. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assignment of Contract Administration - Exception for Defense Energy Support Center" (DFARS Case 2004-D007) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4001. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restrictions on Totally Enclosed Lifeboat Survival Systems" (DFARS Case 2004-D034) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4002. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Training for Contractor Personnel Interacting with Detainees" (DFARS Case 2005-D007) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4003. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to the proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the March 15, 2005 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4004. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law a report on compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions under Title I of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4005. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administra-

tion, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Scheduling of Controlled Substances: Placement of Pregabalin into Schedule V" (Docket No. DEA-267F) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4006. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of the Appeal and Motion Fees to Recover Full Costs" ((RIN1615-AA88) (USCIS 2245-02)) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4007. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Niagara Escarpment Viticultural Area" ((RIN1513-AA97)(T.D. TTB-33)) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4008. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of the Russian River Valley Viticultural Area" ((RIN1513-AA67)(T.D. TTB-32)) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4009. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification Requirements for Imported Natural Wine (2005R-002P)" (RIN1513-AB00) received on September 18, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4010. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to efforts made by the United Nations and the UN Specialized Agencies to employ an adequate number of Americans during 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4011. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 05-214-05-224); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4012. A communication from the Ambassador, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Pediatric HIV/AIDS Treatment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 572. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to give additional biosecurity responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security.

S. 939. A bill to expedite payments of certain Federal emergency assistance authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exercise certain authority provided under that Act.

S. 1700. A bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes.

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1736. A bill to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1738. A bill to expand the responsibilities of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to provide independent objective audits and investigations relating to the Federal programs for Hurricane Katrina recovery.

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1777. An original bill to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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 and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1774. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the activities of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute with respect to research on pulmonary hypertension; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1775. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the income threshold used to calculate the refundable portion of the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 1776. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to establish permanent authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to quickly provide disaster relief to agricultural producers that incur crop losses as a result of damaging weather or related condition in federally declared disaster areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 1777. An original bill to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1778. A bill to extend medicare cost-sharing for qualifying individuals through September 2006, to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, transitional medical assistance under the Medicaid Program, and related programs through March 31, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S.J. Res. 25. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to authorize the President to reduce or disapprove any appropriation in any bill presented by Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the line item veto; to the Committee on the Judiciary.