

retirement of Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4417. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Foreign Taxation on U.S. Assistance Programs" (DFARS Case 2004-D012) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4418. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Control of Aviation Critical Safety Items and Related Services" (DFARS Case 2003-D101) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4419. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Partnership Agreement-8(a) Program" (DFARS Case 2005-D020) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4420. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Central Contractor Registration" (DFARS Case 2003-D040) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4421. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory and Assistance Services" (DFARS Case 2003-D042) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4422. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Logistics Agency Waiver Authority" (DFARS Case 2005-D019) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4423. A communication from the Chairman, Flight 93 Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Flight 93 National Memorial International Design Competition Summary Report to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4424. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment" (RIN1904-AB54) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4425. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Residential Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps" (RIN1904-AA46) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4426. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination notification for the Presidentially-appointed Senate-con-

firmed position of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4427. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Certification of the Sufficiency of the Washington Convention Center Authority's Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4428. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E for Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4429. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C for Fiscal Years 2003 Through 2005, as of March 31, 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4430. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F for Fiscal Years 2003 Through 2005, as of March 31, 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4431. A communication from the Director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "A Strategic Plan for the Second Decade"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4432. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 255. A resolution recognizing the achievements of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Waterfowl Population Survey.

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1285. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building".

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. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1921. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and replacing such taxes with a national sales tax and a business tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. TALENT, Mr. BOND, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. REID, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1922. A bill to authorize appropriate action if negotiations with Japan to allow the resumption of United States beef exports are not successful, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. BOND):

S. 1923. A bill to address small business investment companies licensed to issue participating debentures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1924. A bill to strengthen civil-military relationships by permitting State and local governments to enter into lease purchase agreements with the United States Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1925. A bill to provide for workers and businesses during the response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 288. A resolution recognizing the life and accomplishments of Wellington Mara of New York; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 370

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, 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. 407

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to make access to safe water and sanitation for developing countries a specific policy objective of the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) were added as cosponsors of S. 632, a bill to authorize the extension of unconditional and permanent nondiscriminatory treatment (permanent normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 757, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 828, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 939

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of 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. 1002

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in payments to hospitals under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1004

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1004, a bill to provide the Federal Trade Commission with the resources necessary to protect users of the Internet from the unfair and deceptive acts and practices associated with spyware, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable.

S. 1138

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1138, a bill to authorize the placement of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fought in World War II as members of Army Ranger Battalions.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 1285

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1285, a bill to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building".

S. 1358

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policymaking.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to establish a market driven telecommunications marketplace, to eliminate government managed competition of existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1841

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1841, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide extended and additional protection to Medicare beneficiaries who enroll for the Medicare prescription drug benefit during 2006.

S. 1864

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1864, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1920

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1920, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a renewable diesel standard, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 180

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 180, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of the disease and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families.

S. RES. 273

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 273, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United Nations and other international organizations shall not be allowed to exercise control over the Internet.

S. RES. 282

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families.

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 282, supra.

S. RES. 287

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr.

FEINGOLD), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 287, a resolution honoring the life of and expressing the condolences of the Senate on the passing of Rosa Parks.

AMENDMENT NO. 2193

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2193 proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2194

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2194 proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2200

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2200 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2218

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2218 proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2219

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2219 proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2228

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2228 proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2246

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2246 proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2254

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2254 proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2257

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2257 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2261

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2261 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2262

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2262 proposed to H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. BOND):

S. 1923. A bill to address small business investment companies licensed to issue participating debentures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise to support the "Small Business Investment and Growth Act of 2005," which I have introduced today to facilitate increased investments in small businesses throughout this country. I am pleased to be joined by my esteemed colleagues from Missouri, Senator Jim Talent and Senator Kit Bond, in sponsoring this bill.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am committed to supporting our Nation's small businesses by increasing their access to capital. Small businesses comprise 99.7 percent of all businesses in the United States. Moreover, small businesses employ more than half, 57 percent, of the total private-sector workforce, and are responsible for the creation of more than two-thirds of all new jobs. Clearly, increasing investments in small businesses is crucial to our on-going economic success.

This bill will reform and enhance the Small Business Administration's SBIC program, a program that is vital to fostering innovation, growth, and job creation in small businesses throughout our country. Small Business Investment Companies (SBICs) are privately-owned and managed venture capital investment companies that are licensed and regulated by the SBA. SBICs use their own capital, combined with funds borrowed from other private investors and supported by an SBA guarantee, to make equity and debt investments in qualifying small businesses. The SBA shares in the profits of SBICs. The structure of the program is unique and has been a model for similar public-private partnerships around the world.