

((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2004-NM-141)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6218. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model DH.125, HS.125, and BH .125 Series Airplanes; Model BAe.125 Series 800A, 800B, 1000A, and 1000B Airplanes; and Model Hawker 800 and 1000 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-017)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6219. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-120, -120ER, -120FC, 120QC, and -120RT Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-191)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6220. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-1A11, CL-600-2A12, and CL-600-2B16 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-157)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6221. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2003-NM-168)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6222. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-197)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6223. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model Hawker 800XP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-188)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6224. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310-203, -204, and -222 Airplanes, and Model A310-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-143)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6225. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 1B, 1D, 1D1, and 1S1 Turbo-shaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NE-09)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6226. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-161)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6227. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Model 390 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-CE-51)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6228. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Atlantic highly migratory species for 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6229. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination and the discontinuation of service in the acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs), received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6230. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6231. A communication from the Chairman and President (Acting), Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 65. A bill to amend the age restrictions for pilots (Rept. No. 109-225).

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

S. 829. A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings.

S. 1768. A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 108-7 Protocol of 1997 Amending MARPOL Convention (Ex. Rept. 109-13)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

TEXT OF RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to Understandings and Declaration

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as the "Protocol of 1997"), signed by the United States on December 22, 1998 (T. Doc 108-7), subject to the understandings and declaration in sections 2 and 3.

#### Section 2. Understandings

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following understandings, which shall be included in the United States instrument of ratification:

(1) The United States of America understands that the Protocol of 1997 does not, as a matter of international law, prohibit Parties from imposing, as a condition of entry into their ports or internal waters, more stringent emission standards or fuel oil requirements than those identified in the Protocol.

(2) The United States of America understands that Regulation 15 applies only to safety aspects associated with the operation of vapor emission control systems that may be applied during cargo transfer operations between a tanker and port-side facilities and to the requirements specified in Regulation 15 for notification to the International Maritime Organization of port State regulation of such systems.

#### Section 3. Declaration

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration, which shall be included in the United States instrument of ratification:

The United States of America notes that at the time of adoption of the Protocol of 1997, the NO<sub>x</sub> emission control limits contained in Regulation 13 were those agreed as being achievable by January 1, 2000, on new marine diesel engines, and further notes that Regulation 13(3)(b) contemplated that new technology would become available to reduce on-board NO<sub>x</sub> emissions below those limits. As such improved technology is now available, the United States expresses its support for an amendment to Annex VI, that would, on an urgent basis, revise the agreed NO<sub>x</sub> emission control limits contained in Regulation 13 in keeping with new technological developments.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Patrick Joseph Schiltz, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Gray Hampton Miller, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### 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. SCHUMER:

S. 2481. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to hire additional full-time non-supervisory import specialists of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2482. A bill to authorize funding for State-administered bridge loan programs, to increase the access of small businesses to export assistance center services in areas in which the President declared a major disaster as a result of Hurricane Katrina of 2005, Hurricane Rita of 2005, or Hurricane Wilma of 2005, to authorize additional disaster loans, to require reporting regarding the administration of the disaster loan programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2483. A bill to establish a Law Enforcement Assistance Force in the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate the contributions of retired law enforcement officers during major disasters; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2484. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the disclosure of tax return information by tax return preparers to third parties; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2485. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a source for payments to States and counties under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2486. A bill to ensure that adequate actions are taken to detect, prevent, and minimize the consequences of chemical releases that result from terrorist attacks and other criminal activity that may cause substantial harm to public health and safety and the environment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. Res. 415. A resolution expressing the continuing support of the Senate to the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC), and commending the efforts of that vital program as it carries out its mission of instilling the values of citizenship and service in the hearts and minds of the youth of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 185

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to amend

title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 513, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 811, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) 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. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1815

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1815, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to prescribe the binding oath or affirmation of renunciation and allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, to encourage and support the efforts of prospective citizens of the United States to become citizens, and for other purposes.

S. 1865

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to establish the SouthEast Crescent Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 1952

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1952, a bill to provide grants for rural health information technology development activities.

S. 2025

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2025, a bill to promote the national se-

curity and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes.

S. 2284

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2284, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 2292

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2292, a bill to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2292, *supra*.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2321, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille.

S. 2370

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2370, a bill to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2403

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2403, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, a bill to facilitate the protection of minors using the Internet from material that is harmful to minors, and for other purposes.

S. 2460

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2460, a bill to permit access to certain information in the Firearms Trace System database.

S. 2475

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S.