

Bus Safety Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7646. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-434, "Closing of Public Streets and Alleys in Squares 5318, 5319, and 5320 S.O. 04-14199, Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7647. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-435, "Drug Offense Driving Privileges Revocation and Disqualification Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7648. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-436, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 2910, S.O. 05-0587, Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7649. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-437, "People First Respectful Language Conforming Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7650. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-438, "People First Respectful Language Modernization Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7651. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-439, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 749, S.O. 00-83, Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7652. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-440, "Official Fruit of the District of Columbia Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7653. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-441, "Washington Stage Guild Tax Exemption Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7654. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-442, "Solid Waste Disposal Fee Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7655. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-444, "Fringe Lot Real Property Exclusive Rights Agreement Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7656. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Guidance Regarding Client Commission Practices Under Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (S7-13-06) received on

July 21, 2006; 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 Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 5631. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-292).

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

H.R. 3508. A bill to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. \*Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### 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. SANTORUM:

S. 3720. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve the protection of farm and ranch land; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 3721. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the United States Emergency Management Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 3722. A bill to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 3723. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 3724. A bill to enhance scientific research and competitiveness through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 3725. A bill to reduce the disparity in punishment between crack and powder cocaine offenses, to more broadly focus the punishment for drug offenders on the seriousness of the offense and the culpability of the offender, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 3726. A bill to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 3727. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an adjustment to the reduction of Medicare resident positions based on settled cost reports; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. AKAKA, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 3728. A bill to promote nuclear non-proliferation in North Korea; considered and passed.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3729. A bill to provide for the establishment of emergency wildland fire suppression funds; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 3730. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the use of recovery audit contractors under the Medicare Integrity Program with respect to Medicare Secondary Payer claims and activities; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 666

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 713, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on