

law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 629 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004" (FCC 06-117) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1719. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Roma, Texas" (MB Docket No. 05-142) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1720. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Ashland, Greensburg, and Kinsley, Kansas; and Alva, Medford, and Mustang, Oklahoma" (MB Docket No. 06-65) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1721. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Wofford Heights, California" (MB Docket No. 03-91) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1722. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Glen Arbor, Michigan" (MB Docket No. 03-142) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1723. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Jackson, Wyoming" (MB Docket No. 05-101) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1724. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations Implementing Minimum Customer Account Record Exchange Obligations on All Local and Interexchange Carriers" (FCC 06-134)(CG Doc. 02-386) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1725. A communication from the Management Analyst, Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1107 of the Commission's Rules" (GEN Docket No. 86-285)(FCC 06-131) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1726. A communication from the Acting Legal Advisor, Mobility Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 309(j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended; Promotion of Spectrum Efficient Technologies on Certain Part 90 Frequencies" (FCC 07-39)(WT Docket No. 99-87) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1727. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure Devices in the 5 GHz Band" ((FCC 06-96)(ET Docket No. 03-122)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1728. A communication from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2007 Update" (STB Ex Parte No. 542) received on April 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1729. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Geothermal Valuation" (RIN1010-AD32) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1730. A communication from the Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's proposed final 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for years 2007-2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1731. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "LMSB Tier II Issue - Field Directive on the Examination of IRC Section 165 Casualty Losses No. 1" (LMSB-04-0407-030) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1732. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1733. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment in Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1734. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1735. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "Child Labor Protection Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1736. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1737. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Security Plan for Essential Air Service and Small Community Service Airports; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1738. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact and effectiveness of Administration for Native Americans Projects during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1739. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to "provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Nos. 19 and 188, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1740. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an amendment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that has been adopted by the Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1741. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liquidation and Debt Collection Activities" (RIN3245-AE83) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-77. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging Congress to support Federal legislation transferring management of National Forest System Lands within Idaho to the State of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

Whereas, the United States Forest Service administers the management of 39 percent of the land base in the state of Idaho, and an additional 22 percent is administered by the United States Bureau of Land Management; and

Whereas, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 471, an 1891 law authorizing the President to establish national forests, the purpose for establishing and administering national forests was to set aside public lands reserved as national forests to be controlled and administered, to the extent practical, in accordance with the Act which provided that "no national forest may be established except to improve and protect the forest, or to secure favorable conditions of water flows, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of citizens"; and

Whereas, it has long been the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands and in 1906 the Committee on Public Lands recognized that the presence of federal lands could create a hardship for many counties, as they provided little revenue or commerce at that time; and

Whereas, in 1908, Congress created the Twenty-five Percent Fund Act to pay states and counties 25 percent of receipts collected from national forests and mandated that payments were to be spent on schools and roads, recognizing that viable communities adjacent to the public lands, with adequate roads and schools, were essential for the development and preservation of the national forests; and

Whereas, the federal policy of holding counties harmless from the creation of public lands within counties was reiterated in 1916 with the creation of the Oregon and California Grant Lands under the Chamberlain-Ferris Act, and again in 1937 with passage of the Oregon and California Grant Lands Act; and

Whereas, the forest resources were intended to be managed in such an environmentally responsible manner that they would produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties as well as products for the nation; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, commonly known as public law 106-393, which restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes due to declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization of public law 106-393 is pending before the United States Congress and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully-funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, recently, federal land managers have been faced with an ever-present funding shortage and rural counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services if the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated; and

Whereas, there is continued concern that if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated it may be the last time it occurs and a long-term solution to these issues is necessary; and

Whereas, the state of Idaho is dependent upon healthy national forest system lands for economic benefit, recreation and scenic beauty and it is time to demonstrate a new initiative and commitment to the intent and policy of the federal government to hold counties and schools harmless from the creation of federal lands and construct a path leading to economic stability for rural communities and schools; and

Whereas, transfer of the management of the national forest system lands that are not designated as wilderness, proposed or recommended wilderness, wild and scenic river, or national recreation area, or designated roadless area in Idaho, to the state of Idaho would promote better stewardship of the public lands, provide financial returns to the counties, secure public access, meet Congress's intent to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands, and fund schools, road and bridge infrastructure which would offset significant tax increases in rural counties in the event the Secure Rural Schools payments are not reauthorized or are allowed to expire following the 2006 reauthorization; and

Whereas, precedent for state administration of federally-owned lands exists in the state of Idaho at the City of Rocks area in southern Idaho and campground-related facilities and land at Lake Cascade; and

Whereas, a transfer of management to the state of Idaho would demonstrate a new initiative and commitment to the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural counties and schools harmless from the consequences of the reservation of federal lands and construct a process leading to economic stability for rural communities and schools; and

Whereas, lands for which management responsibility is transferred to the state of Idaho could be administered by the Idaho Department of Lands in cooperation with county officials and with cooperative oversight by the United State Forest Service and state and local government could establish, or use existing natural resource advisory commit-

tees composed of a diverse cross-section of the public, with all decisions and actions relating to the lands being required to comply with every federal and state environmental law; and

Whereas, the management of these lands would have to meet the mandates of the Healthy Forest Initiative, the National Fire Plan, and state and county fire mitigation plans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we urge the Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of national forest system lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools with the state of Idaho being held harmless from the costs of administration; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to provide that any transfer of management authority would not affect any rights or authority of the state with respect to fish and wildlife, or repeal or modify any provision of law that permits the state or political subdivisions of the state to share in the revenues from federal lands, or any provision of law that provides that fees or charges collected at particular federal areas be used for or credited to specific purposes or special funds; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to provide that fees or revenues collected under state management be allocated 75 percent, or other appropriate percentage, for the benefit of the counties and schools in which the national forest system lands are located and 25 percent, or other appropriate percentage, for the benefit of the national forest in which the lands administered by the state of Idaho are located to be paid at the end of the year to the Secretary of the Treasury, and that amounts allocated to the counties should not be taken into account for purposes of the Twenty-five Percent Fund pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 500; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to seek a long-term solution to the significant issues that will face rural counties in the event the Secure Rural Schools payments are not reauthorized or are allowed to expire following the 2006 reauthorization; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-78. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho stating findings of the Legislature and authorizing the legislative council to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the decline in receipts on National Forest System Lands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Whereas, it has long been the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands and in 1906 the Committee on Public Lands recognized that the presence of federal lands could create hardship for many counties as they provided little revenue or commerce at that time; and

Whereas, in 1908, the federal government promised rural counties 25 percent of all revenues generated from the multiple-use management of the newly created national forests to support public roads and public schools; and

Whereas, in recent decades, the forest resources have not been managed in a manner to produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The Act restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes because of declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization and appropriation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is pending before the United States Congress, and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, federal land managers continue to be faced with funding shortages. In the event the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated, counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services and, even if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated, it will likely be the last time, and the state of Idaho must seek a long-term solution; and

Whereas, in 2006, House Joint Memorial No. 21 was adopted by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature to provide one option to address the problem of declining forest receipts by urging Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of National Forest System lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint an interim committee to undertake and complete an assessment of the decline in receipts on National Forest System lands, which have historically been shared with counties, with the goal of the interim committee's recommendations being to develop a federal, bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments to Idaho's forest counties, which help support roads and schools, and to provided projects that enhance forest ecosystem health and provide employment opportunities, and to improve cooperative relationships among those who use and care about the lands the agencies manage. The Legislative Council shall determine the membership from each house appointed to the interim committee and shall authorize the interim committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature. As much as is practicable, the interim committee shall work in cooperation and coordination with the state of Idaho, its counties, its school and highway districts, along with the recognized Indian tribes of the state of Idaho. The interim committee is also authorized to retain the services of consultants, within appropriated moneys, who are familiar with forest receipts, and who can provide necessary economic and other research to assist the interim committee and the Legislature in making an informed decision on this most important topic; and now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Idaho legislative interim committee on forest receipts will address National Forest System lands, but only those lands that do not have special designations. The interim committee is directed to formulate a solution that will protect all valid existing rights, existing public access

and activities, including hunting, fishing and recreation, and that will not be construed to interfere with treaties or any other obligations to the Indian tribes, commitments to county governments, or the General Mining Law or Taylor Grazing Act; and now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That nonlegislative members of the interim committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the interim committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Nonlegislative members of the interim committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the interim committee's recommendations or proposed legislation; and now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the interim committee shall report its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

*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. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1262. A bill to protect students receiving student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1263. A bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to holders of rural renaissance bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1265. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for veterans' mortgage life insurance to include members of the Armed Forces receiving specially adapted housing assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1266. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for veterans interred in cemeteries other than national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DOMENICI, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1267. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1268. A bill to provide for the development and inventory of certain outer Continental Shelf resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1269. A bill to improve border security in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1270. A bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1271. A bill to provide for a comprehensive national research effort on the physical and mental health and other readjustment needs of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1272. A bill to establish the National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1273. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow permanent look-through treatment of payments between related foreign corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1274. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of food for humans and pets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1275. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a screening and treatment program for prostate cancer in the same manner as is provided for breast and cervical cancer; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DODD:

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution urging all sides to the current political crisis in Ukraine to act responsibly and use dia-

logue to resolve the crisis and ensure a free and transparent democratic system in Ukraine based on the rule of law; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with