

Corps along with its 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1940. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Official Fees and Tolerances for Barley Protein Testing" (RIN0580-AA95) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1941. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel Charles W. Hooper to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1942. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Brigadier General James L. Williams to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1943. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (IN-157-FOR) received on May 16, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1944. A communication from the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the findings of a study of issues regarding energy rights-of-way on tribal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification relative to the importation of harvested shrimp; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1946. 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 "Guidance Regarding Heavy Hybrid Motor Vehicles" (Notice 2007-46) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1947. 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 "Discontinue Publication of BLS-LIFO Department Store Inventory Price Indexes" (Notice 2007-44) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1948. 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 "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—March 2007" (Notice 2007-34) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1949. 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 "Withdrawal of Obsolete Guidance on Blocked Income" (Rev. Rul. 2007-35) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1950. 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 "Health Savings Accounts Inflation Adjustments" (Rev. Proc. 2007-36) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1951. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, two draft bills relative to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1952. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the removal of radiation-hardened microelectronic circuits from the United States Munitions List; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1953. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an amendment to Part 121 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1954. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final report of the Academic Competitiveness Council; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1955. A communication from the Chairman and Commissioners, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft bill intended to "amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 to revise the Act to clarify the scope of the National Indian Gaming Commission's authority and to make such other technical amendments as are required"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1956. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the federal cocaine sentencing policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1957. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled "Intellectual Property Protection Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*David James Gribbin IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Craig E. Bone and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Brian M. Salerno, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 29, 2007.

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. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1405. A bill to enhance the ability of community banks to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1406. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1407. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain systems installed in nonresidential and residential rental buildings; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1408. A bill to improve quality in health care by providing incentives for adoption of modern information technology; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1409. A bill to provide and enhance education, housing, and entrepreneur assistance for veterans who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1410. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1411. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency an office to measure and report on greenhouse gas emissions of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1412. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1413. A bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1414. A bill to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1415. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DODD, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1416. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums; 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: