

Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities—Update for Fiscal Year 2008" (RIN0938-AO64) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2780. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2008 Rates" (RIN0938-AO70) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2781. 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 "Section 1248 Attribution Principles" ((RIN1545-BA93)(TD 9345)) received on July 29, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2782. 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 "Return Required by Subchapter T Cooperatives under Section 6012" ((RIN1545-BF82)(TD 9336)) received on July 29, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2783. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and articles related to the Laser-based Directional Infrared Countermeasures System to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to waiving the restrictions contained in the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act with respect to Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2785. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce (Intellectual Property), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules" (RIN0651-AB56) received on July 31, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2786. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in the Regulation of Iodine Crystals and Chemical Mixtures Containing Over 2.2 Percent Iodine" (RIN1117-AA93) received on July 31, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2787. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to statistics on the operation of the premerger notification program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2788. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to clarify the requirements for special monthly pension based on age and disability; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 50. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

H.R. 465. A bill to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 742. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 775. A bill to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States.

S. 1785. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula, 6792, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Claude R. Kehler, 6600, to be General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hunzeker, 4503, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. James D. Thurman, 8182, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace, 0304, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Carter F. Ham, 0921, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Lawrence A. Haskins, 3608, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Richard K. Gallagher, 9308, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Robert T. Moeller, 1217, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. James A. Winnefeld, Jr., 5212, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Adm. Michael G. Mullen, 9509, to be Admiral.

Marine Corps nomination of Gen. James E. Cartwright, 5961, to be General.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Damion T. Gottlieb, 5640, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Francis E. Lowe, 3894, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lista M. Benson and ending with Karen L. Weis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kevin C. Blakley and ending with Robert A. Tetla, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert K. Abernathy and ending with Anthony J. Zucco, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Mary Ann Behan and ending with Paul A. Willingham, which nominations were re-

ceived by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Dawud A. Agbere and ending with Edward J. Yurus, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Blake C. Ortner and ending with Andrew S. Zeller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Julie A. Bentz and ending with Thomas L. Turpin, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Larry L. Guyton and ending with Linda M. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Navy nominations beginning with Jose A. Acosta and ending with Lawrence A. Ramirez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Navy nominations beginning with Douglas P. Barber, Jr. and ending with Thomas J. Welsh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Navy nominations beginning with Susan D. Chacon and ending with Seung C. Yang, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

Navy nominations beginning with Enein Y. H. Aboul and ending with Kimberly A. Zuzelski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2007.

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

*William G. Sutton, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

*Ronald Spoehel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

*Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

*Paul R. Brubaker, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Coast Guard nomination of Kristine B. Neeley, 1750, to be Lieutenant.

By Mr. CONRAD for the Committee on the Budget.

*Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be 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.

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