

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week.

H. Con. Res. 181. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 954. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the "Percy Sutton Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3052. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the "John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3062. An act to authorize appropriations to provide for South Pacific exchanges, provide technical and other assistance to countries in the Pacific region through the United States Agency for International Development, and authorize appropriations to provide Fulbright Scholarships for Pacific Island students; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H. Con. Res. 181. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2974. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of the State of New Mexico Under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act" (RIN0583-AD29) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2975. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Prohibition of the Use of Specified Risk Materials for Human Food and Requirements for the Disposition of Non-Ambulatory Disabled Cattle; Prohibition of the Use of Certain Stunning Devices Used to Immobilize Cattle During Slaughter" (RIN0583-AC88) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2976. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk Income Loss Contract Program" (RIN0560-AH73) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2977. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Conservation Program" (RIN0560-AH71) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2978. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program for fiscal years 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2979. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Jeffrey B. Kohler, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2980. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taxpayer Identification Numbers" (DFARS Case 2006-D037) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2981. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Congressional Notification of Architect-Engineer Services/Military Family Housing Contracts" (DFARS Case 2006-D015) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2982. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security-Guard Functions" (DFARS Case 2006-D050) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2983. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitation on Contracts for the Acquisition of Certain Services" (DFARS Case 2006-D054) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2984. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2985. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Catastrophic Act Reporting; Records Preservation Program and Appendices" (RIN3133-AD24) received on August 14, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2986. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuban Assets Control Regulations, Burmese Sanctions Regulations, Sudanese Sanctions Regulations, and Iranian Transactions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 515, 537, 538, and 560) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2987. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AE07) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2988. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((Docket No. FEMA-7985)(72 FR 44416)) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2989. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks" (RIN3064-AD13) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2990. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 38488) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2991. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 38492) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2992. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending" (Docket No. R-1291) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2993. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 38488) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2994. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 41634) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2995. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Housing Operating Fund Program; Revised Transition Funding Schedule for Calendar Years 2007 Through 2012" (RIN2577-AC72) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2996. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 46397) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2997. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 46396) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2998. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Development Block Grant Program; Small Cities Program" (RIN2506-AC16) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2999. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((Docket No. FEMA-7983)(72 FR 40766)) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3000. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 46394) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3001. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the accomplishments made under the Airport Improvement Program during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3002. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Rules for the 698-806 MHz Band and Public Safety Spectrum Requirements" ((WT Docket No. 06-150)(FCC 07-132)) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3003. A communication from the Chief of the Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of the Emergency Alert System" ((EB Docket No. 04-296)(FCC 07-109)) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3004. 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; Waukomis, Oklahoma" (MB Docket No. 06-46) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3005. 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; Charleston and Englewood, Tennessee" (MB Docket No. 05-273) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3006. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Telecommunications Services Inside Wiring Customer Premises Equipment and Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992: Cable Home Wiring" (FCC 07-111) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3007. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IP-Enabled Services; Implementation of Sections 255 and 251(a)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934; Access to Telecommunications Services; Telecommunications Equipment and Customer Premises Equipment by Persons with Disabilities; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; The Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements" (FCC 07-110) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3008. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Second Report and Order, Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service" ((FCC 07-33) (MM Docket No. 99-325)) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3009. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Rule Extension to Supersede the Previously Published 2007 Summer Flounder Specifications" (RIN0648-AT60) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3010. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Permit Optional Method of Filing Form FMC-18, Application for a License as an Ocean Transportation Intermediary" (RIN3072-AC32) (Docket No. 07-08) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3011. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch and Rougheye Rockfish in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB45) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3012. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operations: Surge Brake Requirements" (RIN2126-AA91) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3013. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems Phase-in; Response to Petitions for Reconsideration" (RIN2127-AJ90) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3014. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma on fisheries; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3015. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch for Trawl Catcher Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Entry Level Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB81) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3016. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Revise Electronic Reporting Software and Hardware Requirements" (RIN0648-AV13) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3017. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Vessel Marking Requirements" (RIN0648-AU73) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3018. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on Federal participation in the development and use of voluntary consensus standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3019. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB96) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3020. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure of Quota Period I Fishery for Spiny Dogfish" (RIN0648-XB95) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3021. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel Lottery in Areas 542 and 543" (RIN0648-XC08) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3022. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC02) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3023. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "End

of the 2007 Pacific Whiting Primary Seasons for the Catcher-Processor, Mothership and Shore-Based Sectors" (RIN0648-XB00) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3024. A communication from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rail Fuel Surcharges" (RIN2140-AA83) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3025. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities performed by the agency that are not inherently governmental functions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3026. A communication from the Under Secretary of Energy (Science), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the feasibility of promoting collaborations between universities on energy projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3027. A communication from the Under Secretary of Energy (Science), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the improvement of inter-laboratory exchange of scientific and technical personnel; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3028. A communication from the Under Secretary of Energy (Science), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to educational programs at the Department's research and development facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3029. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Power Marketing Liaison, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of Federal power allocations by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3030. A communication from the Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of corridors for oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission in eleven states; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3031. A communication from the Under Secretary of Energy (Science), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the assessment of certain energy and water related issues; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3032. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Annual Energy Review 2006"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3033. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to progress made in the construction of the Alaska natural gas pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3034. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to failures to comply with deadlines for new or amended energy conservation standards; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3035. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "An Assessment of the Methane Hydrate Research Program and An Assessment of the 5-Year Research Plan of the Department of Energy";

to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3036. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Section 992 Report on Equal Employment Opportunity Practices at the Department of Energy National Laboratories"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3037. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Inventory of Assessed Federal Coal Resources and Restrictions to Their Development"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3038. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Development of America's Strategic Unconventional Fuels Resources"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3039. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL No. 8464-8) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3040. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and New Source Review" (FRL No. 8463-3) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3041. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky: Volatile Organic Compound Definition Updates" (FRL No. 8464-2) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3042. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Mecklenburg County Regulations" (FRL No. 8465-4) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3043. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Nashua" (FRL No. 8463-6) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3044. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Correction" (FRL No. 8464-3) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3045. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residues of Quaternary Ammonium Compounds di-n-Alkyl dimethyl Ammonium chloride, Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8146-7) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3046. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Continuous Instrumental Test Methods: Technical Amendments" (RIN2060-AO09) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3047. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Integrity Program, Fiscal Intermediary and Carrier Functions, and Conflict of Interest Requirements" (RIN0938-AN72) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3048. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Refinement and Rate Update for Calendar Year 2008" ((RIN0938-AO32)(Docket No. CMS-1541-FC)) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3049. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hospital Conditions of Participation: Laboratory Services" ((RIN0938-AJ29)(Docket No. CMS-3014-IFC)) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3050. 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 "Limitations on Setoff under Sections 6402 and 6411" (Rev. Rul. 2007-51) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3051. 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 "Obsolescence of Rev. Rul. 78-369" (Rev. Rul. 2007-53) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3052. 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 "Definition of a Liability under Section 6402(a) and 6411(b)" (Rev. Rul. 2007-52) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3053. 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 "Poker Tournament Withholding Rules" (Rev. Proc. 2007-57) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3054. 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 "Revenue Ruling: Rulings Declared Obsolete" (Rev. Rul. 2007-60) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3055. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Attorney Advisor Program" (RIN0960-AG49) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3056. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Extension of Attorney Fee Payment System to Title XVI; 5-Year Demonstration Project Extending Fee Withholding and Payment Procedures to Eligible Non-Attorney Representatives; Definition of Past-due Benefits; and Assessment for Fee Payment Services" (RIN0960-AG35) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3057. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to post-liberation Iraq covering the period of June 15, 2007, through August 15, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3058. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, correspondence from the Speaker of the National Assembly of the State of Kuwait; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 134. A resolution designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month".

S. Res. 282. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families.

S. Res. 288. A resolution designating September 2007 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

S. Res. 292. A resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Assisted Living Week".

S. Res. 301. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Richard A Jones, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Sharon Aycock, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Michael David Credo, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

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

S. 2020. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as "The Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2021. A bill to provide \$50,000,000,000 in new transportation infrastructure funding through bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation, including roads, bridges, rail and transit systems, ports, and inland waterways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2022. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county office of the Farm Service Agency until at least one year after the enactment of an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs for fiscal years after 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2023. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2024. A bill to provide for interregional primary elections and caucuses for the selection of delegates to political party Presidential nominating conventions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2025. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility criteria for special monthly pension; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2026. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, chapter 11, to clarify that an award of benefits based on a regulatory presumption established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1116 after September 30, 2002, cannot be made effective earlier than the date the regulatory presumption was established; and to clarify that the presumption of herbicide exposure provided by 38 U.S.C. section 1116(f) applies only to veterans who served in Vietnam on land or on Vietnam's inland waterways and not to those who served only in waters offshore or in airspace above; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2027. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, chapter 5, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and promote programs and activities honoring veterans and to authorize the next of kin of a deceased veteran to wear the veteran's awards and decorations under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2028. A bill to require the State of Louisiana to match Federal funding to fully ad-

dress the Road Home Program shortfall; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2029. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for transparency in the relationship between physicians and manufacturers of drugs, devices, or medical supplies for which payment is made under Medicare, Medicaid, or SCHIP; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD)):

S. 2030. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require reporting relating to bundled contributions made by persons other than registered lobbyists; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 309. A resolution commending the Appalachian State University Mountaineers of Boone, North Carolina, for pulling off one of the greatest upsets in college football history; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, to assure protection of public health safety, to ensure the territorial integrity and security of the repository at Yucca Mountain, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal