

served Alabama as the attorney general. During that time I had many opportunities to work with the organization that assists attorneys general in their many dealings with the Congress, White House, and government agencies the National Association of Attorneys General, NAAG.

NAAG was founded in 1907, “To facilitate interaction among Attorneys General as peers and to facilitate the enhanced performance of Attorneys General and their staffs.” They opened their Washington office in 1976, and Lynne Ross was their first full-time employee. Her extensive work with attorneys general has been immensely valuable. She had strategic skills, dedication and wit. She understood how things work in the DC political world and knew how to negotiate on the many issues that were of importance to attorneys general. NAAG has been as successful as it is in no small part due to her leadership. She is a non-lawyer with a great understanding of lawyers.

During her years at NAAG, Lynne was also instrumental in the creation of an organization of former attorneys general—the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus, SAGE, of which I am a member, and she has always been a great resource for our members.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my appreciation to Lynne for her many years of dedicated service to NAAG. Her accomplishments are many. The organization and the Nation’s attorneys general, both past and present, are stronger because of her hard work. Thank you, Lynne.●

#### HONORING THE LOUISIANA HONORAIR

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge and honor a very special group, the Louisiana HonorAir. Louisiana HonorAir is a not-for-profit organization that flies as many as 200 World War II veterans up to Washington, DC, free of charge. On October 27, 2007, a group of 105 veterans and their guardians will reach Washington on this very special program.

While visiting Washington, DC, the veterans will tour sights, such as the Arlington National Cemetery, the Korean Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. The program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service.

Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 20. An act to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis.

H.R. 507. An act to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

H.R. 970. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1727. An act to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office”.

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3297. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the “Nate DeTemple Post Office Building”.

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. 25. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable energy resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

H. Con. Res. 133. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a Long-Term Care Awareness Week.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 20. An act to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 507. An act to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H. Con. Res. 133. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a Long-Term Care Awareness Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### 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-3562. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Maryland” (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0028) received on October 9, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3563. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Charles L. Johnson II, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3564. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael W. Wooley, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3565. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General Paul V. Hester, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3566. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report relative to the significant unit cost growth that has occurred in the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter's Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3567. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General Ronald E. Keys, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3568. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3569. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HUD Office of Hearings and Appeals Conforming Amendments; and Technical Correction to Part 15 Regulations" (RIN2501-AD32) (FR-5137-F-01) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3570. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (RIN1557-AD02) received on October 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3571. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3572. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992—Development of Competition and Diversity in Video Programming Distribution: Section 628(c)(5) of the Communications Act: Sunset of Exclusive Contract Prohibition; Review of the Commission's Program Access Rules and Examination of Programming Tying Arrangements" (MB Docket No 07-29) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3573. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate and Related Requirements; 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review Affiliate Requirements of Section 64.1903 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 07-159) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3574. 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; Corona de Tucson, Sierra Vista, Tanque Verde and Vail, Arizona, and Animas, Lordsburg and Virden, New Mexico" (MB Docket No. 05-245) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3575. A communication from the Associate Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Lifeline and Link-Up, et al." (WC Doc. 05-195) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3576. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 101 of the Commission's Rules to Modify Antenna Requirements for the 10.7-11.7 GHz Band" (FCC 07-163) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3577. A communication from the Legal Advisor, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Broadcasting-Satellite Service" (IB Docket No. 06-123) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3578. A communication from the Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, United Nations, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program which was conducted in the Republic of the Marshall Islands from 1946-1958; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3579. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Montana Regulatory Program" (Docket No. MT-025-FOR) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3580. 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; Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; San Francisco Bay Area" (FRL No. 8479-4) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3581. 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; Ohio Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 8464-6) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3582. 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 of Implementation Plans of Illinois: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8477-4) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3583. 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 of Implementation Plans; Ohio: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8481-2) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3584. 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 of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8477-6) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3585. 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 "Limited Approval of Implementation Plans of Indiana: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8481-4) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3586. 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 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Plywood and Composite Wood Products" (RIN2060-AO60) (FRL No. 8482-2) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3587. 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 "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for California" (FRL No. 8479-6) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3588. 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; State of South Dakota; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota" (FRL No. 8479-9) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3589. 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 "Furilazole; Inert Ingredient Tolerances" (FRL No. 8145-2) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3590. 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 "Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonates; Significant New Use Rule" (FRL No. 8150-4) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3591. 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 "Spinetoram; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8149-9) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3592. 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 "Transfer of Polychlorinated Biphenyl Cleanup and Disposal Program from the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances to the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response" (FRL No. 8150-6) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3593. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and

Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Removal of Migratory Birds from Buildings" (RIN1018-AV10) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3594. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report on the status of its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3595. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report entitled, "The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program: Annual Report to Congress FY 2004"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3596. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States—Bahrain Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB81) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3597. A communication from the Program Manager, 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 Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2008" (RIN0938-AO68) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3598. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premium for Calendar Year 2008 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" (RIN0938-AO62) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3599. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Co-insurance Amounts for Calendar Year 2008" (RIN0938-AO61) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3600. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Care and Development Fund Error Rate Reporting" (RIN0970-AC29) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3601. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and State Health Care Programs; Fraud and Abuse; Safe Harbor for Federally Qualified Health Centers Arrangements Under the Anti-Kickback Statute" (42 CFR Part 1001) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3602. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual review for calendar year 2006 of all programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3603. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Presidential waiver on military assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3604. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Performance Incentive Award Payments Exceeding \$5,000 to Executive and Excepted Service Employees"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3605. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, the report of a proposed amendment intended to extend the period of the pilot program under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may carry out research and development projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3606. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Incorporate a Statement Regarding the 'Sole and Exclusive' Nature of the Authority that the Regulations of the Office of Government Ethics Confer on Executive Branch Departments and Agencies" (RIN3209-AA37) received on October 3, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3607. A communication from the Acting Director, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2008-2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3608. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-122, "Capitol Hill Historic District Protection Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3609. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-119, "Restaurant and Hotel Audit Sufficiency Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3610. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-120, "Disposition of Lot 854 in Square 441 Temporary Approval Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3611. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-121, "Omnibus Sports Consolidation Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3612. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-117, "Workforce Housing Production Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3613. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-118, "Disposition of the Skyland Shopping Center Site Temporary Approval Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3614. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-116, "Conflict of Interest Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3615. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-115, "Payday Loan Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3616. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-127, "Tregaron Conservancy Tax Exemption and Relief Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3617. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-128, "Inaugural D.C. Triathlon Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3618. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-126, "National Capital Revitalization Corporation and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Reorganization Clarification Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3619. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-125, "Student Access to Treatment Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3620. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-124, "Establishment of a Hospital Receivership Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3621. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-130, "Executive Service Compensation System Change and Pay Schedule Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3622. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-123, "Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3623. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorities Delegated to the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and the Chief Immigration Judge" ((RIN1125-AA27) (EOIR No. 125F)) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3624. A communication from the Associate Special Counsel for Legal Counsel and Policy, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy" (5 C.F.R. Part 1830) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3625. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classification of Aliens as Children of United States Citizens Based on Inter-country Adoptions Under the Hague Convention" (RIN1615-AA43) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3626. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accreditation of Service Organization Representatives and Agents" (RIN2900-AM29) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3627. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, an inventory of commercial activities that are currently being performed by the Department's Federal employees for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3628. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1200. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act (Rept. No. 110-197).

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 89. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, and October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009 (Rept. No. 110-198).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1662. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the venture capital program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-199).

#### 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. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2165. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for the suspension of each provision of the Act during periods of drought with respect to Federal and State agencies that manage Federal river basins that are located in each region affected

by the drought; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2166. A bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2167. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize agricultural producers to establish and contribute to tax-exempt farm savings accounts in lieu of obtaining federally subsidized crop insurance or noninsured crop assistance, to provide for contributions to such accounts by the Secretary of Agriculture, to specify the situations in which amounts may be paid to producers from such accounts, and to limit the total amount of such distributions to a producer during a taxable year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2168. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2169. A bill to temporarily increase the portfolio caps applicable to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to provide the necessary financing to curb foreclosures by facilitating the refinancing of at-risk subprime borrowers into safe, affordable loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. KYL):

S. 2170. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of qualified restaurant property as 15-year property for purposes of the depreciation deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2171. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a uniform set of customer service and consumer protection requirements for providers of wireless telecommunications services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 2172. A bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 347. A resolution designating May 2008 as "National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 348. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 130

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 130, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor 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. 626

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.