

Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correcting Amendment to Correct Metric Conversion Errors in Guideline Harvest Levels for the Guided Recreational Halibut Fishery" (RIN0648-AW82) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6562. 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 "Area 2C Charter Halibut Fishery GHM Management Measures" (RIN0648-AW23) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6563. 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 "Correcting Amendment of the 50 CFR 680.40 (J)(3)(i) and (J)(3)(ii)" (RIN0648-AS47) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6564. 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 Amend the Crab Rationalization Program to Implement the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006 and the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006" (RIN0648-AV19) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6565. 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 "Annual Specifications for the 2008 Pacific Sardine Fishing Season" (RIN0648-XG22) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6566. 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-XI13) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6567. 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; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Participating in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XI14) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6568. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Trip Limit Reduction for the Commercial Fishery for Golden Tilefish for the 2008 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XI05) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6569. 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 "Rescind Longline Pot Gear Closure in Bering Sea During June; Allow Temporary Military Transfers of Individual Fishing Quota"

(RIN0648-AV64) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6570. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; New 800 MHz Band Plan for U.S.-Canada Border Regions" (WT Docket No. 02-55) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6571. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunication Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Sections 309 (j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended; Promotion of Spectrum Efficient Technologies on Certain Part 90 Frequencies" (WT Docket No. 99-87) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6572. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "47 C.F.R. Section 73.622(i)—DTV Table of Allotments" (DA 08-1185) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6573. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Improvements to the Nuclear Materials Management Safety and Safeguards System" (RIN3150-AH85) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6574. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Articles Assembled Abroad: Operations Incidental to the Assembly Process" (RIN1505-AB90) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6575. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dominican Republic—Central America—United States Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB84) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6576. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the presidential determination required to suspend the limitation on the obligation of State Department Appropriations contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, along with an accompanying report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6577. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-84—2008-93); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6578. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "By-laws of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation" (29 CFR Part 4002) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6579. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit

Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6580. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulating Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rehabilitation Training—Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program" (73 FR 5179) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6581. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6582. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6583. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6584. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6585. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Review of the District's Cash Advance Fund"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### 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. WICKER (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 3111. A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right of life of each born and preborn human person; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 3112. A bill to reauthorize the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act and the Randolph-Sheppard Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3113. A bill to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 3114. A bill to provide safeguards against faulty asylum procedures, to improve conditions of detention for detainees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3115. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit preexisting condition exclusions for children in group health plans and health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3116. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize and modernize the provision of partial hospitalization services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 3117. A bill to apply an alternative payment amount under the Medicare program for certain graduate medical education programs established to train residents displaced by natural disasters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KYL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BURR, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 3118. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to preserve beneficiary access to care by preventing a reduction in the Medicare physician fee schedule, to improve the quality of care by advancing value based purchasing, electronic health records, and electronic prescribing, and to maintain and improve access to care in rural areas, and for other purposes; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 591. A resolution recognizing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for the historic touchdown of the Phoenix Mars Lander during its 50th anniversary year; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Con. Res. 89. A concurrent resolution authorizing Frank Woodruff Buckles to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol upon his death; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1437

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1437, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

S. 1810

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1995

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1995, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 2059

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2059, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

S. 2279

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2279, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 2319

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2319, a bill to ensure the continued and future availability of life saving trauma health care in the United States and to prevent further trauma center closures and downgrades by assisting trauma centers with uncompensated care costs, core mission services, and emergency needs.

S. 2465

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2465, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include all public clinics for the distribution of pediatric vaccines under the Medicaid program.

S. 2544

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2544, a bill to provide for a program of temporary extended unemployment compensation.

S. 2630

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 2630, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Federal grant program to provide increased health care coverage to and access for uninsured and underinsured workers and families in the commercial fishing industry, and for other purposes.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 2668, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 2708

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2708, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to attract and retain trained health care professionals and direct care workers dedicated to providing quality care to the growing population of older Americans.

S. 2838

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2838, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 2907

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2907, a bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes.

S. 2932

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2932, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

S. 2938

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2938, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces and veterans in order to enhance recruitment and retention for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2955

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2955, a bill to authorize funds