

S. 2932. An act 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. 3009. An act to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building".

S. 3560. To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide additional funds for the qualifying individual (QI) program, and for other purposes.

#### 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-8111. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluid Milk Substitutions in the School Nutrition Programs" (RIN0584-AD58) received September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8112. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John R. Wood, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8113. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Benjamin S. Griffin, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8114. 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-8041)(73 FR 53748)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8115. 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" ((Docket No. FEMA-B-1005)(73 FR 53750)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8116. 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" ((44 CFR Part 65)(73 FR 54321)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8117. 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" ((73 FR 53747)(Docket No. FEMA-8039)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8118. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; End of the Pacific Whiting Primary Season for the Catcher-processor; Mothership and Shore-based Sectors" (RIN0648-XK03) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8119. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2005" received September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance regarding WHFITs" (Notice 2008-77) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8121. 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 2008-154-2008-163); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8122. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a discontinuation of service in acting role, designation of an acting officer, and nomination for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8123. A communication from General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AmeriCorps National Service Program" (RIN3045-AA23) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8124. A communication from Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Communicable Diseases; Restrictions on African Rodents, Prairie Dogs, and Certain Other Animals" ((Docket No. FDA-2003-N-0427)(21 CFR Parts 16 and 1240)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8125. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Legislative and Regulatory Department, 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 September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8126. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Advocacy and the Research Institute, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Girl Scouts of the USA 2007 Annual Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-436. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Alaska urging Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, in 16 U.S.C. 3142 (sec. 1002 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)), the United States Congress reserved the right to permit further oil and gas exploration, development, and production within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry, the state, and the United States Department of the Interior consider the Arctic coastal plain to have the highest potential for discovery of very large oil and gas accumulations on the continent of North America, estimated to include as much as 10,000,000,000 barrels of recoverable oil and significant amounts of natural gas; and

Whereas, while new oil and natural gas field developments on the North Slope of Alaska, such as Alpine, Northstar, and West Sak, may temporarily slow the decline in production, only giant coastal plain fields have the theoretical capability of increasing the production volume of Alaska oil and gas to a significant degree; and

Whereas the state's future energy independence would be enhanced with additional natural gas production from the North Slope of Alaska, including what are expected to be significant gas reserves in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the development of those reserves would enhance the economic viability of the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; and

Whereas the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline and the Trans Alaska Pipeline System are transportation facilities that will be and are national assets that are integral to satisfying the present and future needs of the United States; and

Whereas the "1002 study area" is part of the coastal plain located within the North Slope Borough, and many of the residents of the North Slope Borough, who are predominantly Inupiat Eskimo, are supportive of development in the "1002 study area"; and

Whereas enhancements in technology can be used in a manner that minimizes the area within the refuge that is used for exploration and development, while providing the nation with a needed supply of oil and gas; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry is using innovative technology and environmental practices in the new field developments at Alpine and Northstar, and those techniques are directly applicable to operating on the coastal plain and would enhance environmental protection beyond traditionally high standards; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry has shown at Prudhoe Bay, as well as at other locations along the Arctic coastal plain, that it is capable of conducting oil and gas activity without adversely affecting the environment or wildlife populations; and

Whereas opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge now allows sufficient time for planning environmental safeguards, development, and national security review; and

Whereas the state will ensure the continued health and productivity of the Porcupine caribou herd and the protection of land, water, and wildlife resources during the exploration and development of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas 8,900,000 of the 19,000,000 acres of the refuge have already been set aside as wilderness; and