

“Vegetables, Import Regulations; Partial Exemption to the Minimum Grade Requirements for Fresh Tomatoes” ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0097) (FV09-980-1 FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2951. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Dried Prunes Produced in California; Decreased Assessment Rate” ((Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0048) (FV09-993-1 IFR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2952. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 905” ((Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0132) (FV08-905-1)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2953. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to Certain End-User Controls under the Export Administration Regulations; Clarification Regarding License Requirements for Transfers (in-country) to Persons Listed on the Entity List” (RIN0694-AE54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2954. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Cuba: Revisions to Gift Parcel and Baggage Restrictions, Creation of License Exception for Donated Consumer Communications Devices and Expansion of Licensing Policy Regarding Telecommunications” (RIN0694-AE60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2955. A communication from the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, transmitting, the Quarterly Report to Congress of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Programs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2956. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Assistance Regulations” (RIN1991-AB77) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2957. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Payments in Lieu of Low Income Housing Tax Credits” (RIN1505-AC17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2958. 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 “Corrections to Rev.

Proc. 2009-39 Regarding Taxpayers Before the Joint Committee on Taxation” (Notice 2009-67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2959. 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 “Revocation of Elections by Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans to Freeze Funded Status under Section 204 of WRERA” (Notice 2009-43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2960. 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 “Public-Private Investment Partnerships” (Rev. Proc. 2009-42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2961. 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 “2009 Marginal Production Rates under Section 613A” (Notice 2009-74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2962. A communication from the Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly, transmitting, a report relative to the Vilnius Declaration of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Resolutions Adopted at the Eighteenth Annual Session; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2963. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Charging for Investigational Drugs under an Investigational New Drug Application” ((Docket No. FDA-2006-N-0237) (RIN0910-AF13)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2964. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Expanded Access to Investigational Drugs for Treatment Use” ((Docket No. FDA-2006-N-0238) (RIN0910-AF14)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2965. A communication from the Director, National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to the report entitled “Fiscal Year 2008 Performance Summary Report”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2966. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: 504 Loan Program Debt Refinancing” (RIN3245-AF91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2967. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled “Small Business Investment Companies—Leverage Eligibility and Portfolio Diversification Requirements” (RIN3245-AF92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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. KERRY:

S. 1669. A bill to provide all Medicare beneficiaries with the right to guaranteed issue of a Medicare supplemental policy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1670. A bill to reform and modernize the limitations on exclusive rights relating to secondary transmissions of certain signals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1671. A bill to enhance the reporting requirements on the status of the Arab League trade boycott of Israel and other trade boycotts of Israel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1672. A bill to reauthorize the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1673. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions of real property for conservation purposes by Native Corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1674. A bill to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 266. A resolution recognizing the contributions of John Sweeney to the United States labor movement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BAYH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 267. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 268. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and their immense contributions to the Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that stable and affordable housing is an essential component of an effective strategy for the prevention, treatment, and care of human immunodeficiency virus, and that the United States should make a commitment to providing adequate funding for the development of housing as a response to the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome pandemic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 305

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 305, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to create a National Childhood Brain Tumor Prevention Network to provide grants and coordinate research with respect to the causes of and risk factors associated with childhood brain tumors, and for other purposes.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

S. 484

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 511

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to amend part B of title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an exemption of pharmacies and pharmacists from certain Medicare accreditation requirements in the same manner as such exemption applies to certain professionals.

S. 538

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists by low-income local educational agencies.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported, and for other purposes.

S. 752

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 850, a bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in the financial recovery from natural catastrophes.

S. 938

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 938, a bill to require the President to call a White House Conference on Children and Youth in 2010.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 987, a bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 990

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to expand access to healthy afterschool meals for school children in working families.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000, 000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1066

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1257

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to build on the aging network to establish long-term services and supports through single-entry point systems, evidence based disease prevention and health promotion programs, and enhanced nursing home diversion programs.

S. 1327

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1327, a bill to reauthorize the public and Indian housing drug elimination program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

S. 1340

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin