

Senate on December 16, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4125. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 510. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply.

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1739. A bill to promote freedom of the press around the world.

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 Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2906. A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 2907. A bill to establish a coordinated avalanche protection program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2908. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require the Secretary of Energy to publish a final rule that establishes a uniform efficiency descriptor and accompanying test methods for covered water heaters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2909. A bill to provide State programs to encourage employee ownership and participation in business decisionmaking throughout the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2910. A bill to increase wages and benefits of blue collar workers by strengthening labor provisions in the H-2B program, to provide for labor recruiter accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2911. A bill to reduce the deficit by establishing 5-year discretionary spending caps and strengthened Pay-As-You-Go procedures; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2912. A bill to require lenders of loans with Federal guarantees or Federal insurance to consent to mandatory mediation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2913. A bill to establish a national mercury monitoring program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2914. A bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Employee Ownership Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2915. A bill to provide that employment-related arbitration agreements shall not be enforceable with respect to any claim related to a tort arising out of rape; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 2916. A bill to provide that Internal Revenue Service Notice 2010-2 shall have no force and effect and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe regulations under section 382 of such Code; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOND, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2917. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the penalty for failure to disclose certain reportable transactions and the penalty for submitting a bad check to the Internal Revenue Service, to modify certain rules relating to Federal vendors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S.J. Res. 24. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to financial disclosure and transparency by labor union management; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BURR, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 380. A resolution designating January 2010 as "National Mentoring Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 381. A resolution designating the week of February 1 through February 5, 2010, as "National School Counseling Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 416

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 416, a bill to limit the use of cluster munitions.

S. 538

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name 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. 634

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 663, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 818

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to reauthorize the Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearm laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to create a new incentive fund that will encourage States to adopt the 21st Century Skills Framework.

S. 1052

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1052, a bill to amend the small, rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.