

8-200 Series Airplanes, and Model DHC-8-301, -311, and -315 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0712)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5113. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, 747-400F, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0718)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5114. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 and 440 Airplanes)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0178)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5115. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-102, DHC-8-103, DHC-8-106, DHC-8-201, and DHC-8-202 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0609)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5116. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0452)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5117. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 747-100, 747-200B, 747-300, and 747 SR Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0376)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

\*David T. Matsuda, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Brian Anthony Jackson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Elizabeth Erny Foote, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Mark A. Goldsmith, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Marc T. Treadwell, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Josephine Staton Tucker, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

William N. Nettles, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Wifredo A. Ferrer, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### 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. DODD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3136. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteers firefighters and emergency medical responders; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3137. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that solar electric property need not be located on the property with respect to which it is generating electricity in order to qualify for the residential energy efficient property credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 3138. A bill to promote documentary films that convey a diversity of views about life in the United States and bring insightful foreign perspectives to United States audiences; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 3139. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to cover a larger share of expenses under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program in the case of a State program during its first three years of operation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3140. A bill to grant the Secretary of Health and Human Services authority to design, construct, and operate facilities for the purpose of developing and producing biological products in order to meet critical national needs for such biological products, in response to potential bioterrorist attacks or naturally occurring pathogens; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3141. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for treatment of low-income housing credits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3142. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 3143. A bill to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a pay increase until the annual Federal budget deficit is eliminated; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 3144. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the health and well-being of school children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 461. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should reject any proposal for the creation of a system of global taxation and regulation; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. Res. 462. A resolution recognizing Thursday, April 22, 2010, as "Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day"; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 1329

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1329, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs.

S. 1425

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1425, a bill to increase the United States financial and programmatic contributions to promote economic opportunities for women in developing countries.

S. 1553

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Future Farmers of America Organization and the 85th anniversary of the founding of the National Future Farmers of America Organization.

S. 1558

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide travel and transportation allowances for members of the reserve components for long distance and certain other travel to inactive duty training.

S. 1611

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1611, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 1743

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1743, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes.

S. 2749

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2749, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to nutritious meals for young children in child care.

S. 2960

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2960, a bill to exempt aliens who are admitted as refugees or granted asylum and are employed overseas by the Federal Government from the 1-year physical presence requirement for adjustment of status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes.

S. 2982

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2982, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 3033

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3033, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies.

S. 3058

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3058, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 3122

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S.

3122, a bill to require the Attorney General of the United States to compile, and make publicly available, certain data relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 92

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 92, a resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez.

S. RES. 409

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 409, a resolution calling on members of the Parliament in Uganda to reject the proposed "Anti-Homosexuality Bill", and for other purposes.

S. RES. 418

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 418, a resolution commemorating the life of the late Cynthia DeLores Tucker.

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 418, supra.

S. RES. 451

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 451, a resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 3477

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3477 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1586, a bill to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3140. A bill to grant the Secretary of Health and Human Services authority to design, construct, and operate facilities for the purpose of developing and producing biological products in order to meet critical national needs for such biological products, in response to potential bioterrorist attacks or naturally occurring pathogens; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition today to introduce the Biosecurity and Vaccine Development Improvement Act, which will ensure our country has the resources necessary to protect the American people in the event of a disease outbreak or terrorist attack.

Last year, in preparation for flu season and concern about the H1N1 virus, the Department of Health and Human

Services set out to acquire 120 million doses of vaccines. In August 2009, the department initially projected that these doses would be available by mid-October. However, only 11 million were obtained by that time, and the 120 million doses were not acquired until January 2010.

The current system consists of government contracts with private vaccine manufacturers to produce vaccines. While this lowers overhead costs to the Government, the Government is not able to dictate when vaccines will be produced or which vaccines will be produced. The production of the H1N1 vaccine is good example of the problems that can arise without a dedicated Government manufacturing facility for vaccines. The delay was due to several problems with the supplying companies. For example, one company based in Australia had to produce vaccines to meet the needs in Australia before exporting doses to the U.S. Another company had to produce their regular seasonal flu vaccine before switching to H1N1 vaccine production. This demonstrates the critical need to examine the current vaccine system.

The current system has limitations on the ability to produce vaccines related to bioterrorism such as smallpox, anthrax, ebola virus and botulism, leaving the U.S. without vaccines and susceptible to terrorist attacks. What we want to do is to avoid having the government come up short on something like what happened with Katrina where we are unprepared for the eventuality.

I have long been concerned with these issues. Since 2004, when I chaired the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, with the joinder of Senator HARKIN, who is now the chair, we appropriated \$14.336 billion for pandemic preparedness. So you can see that we are talking about very substantial funds to meet a very substantial problem. Over the past year, I have held a number of meetings about the need for a facility, through a public/private partnership, that would afford the U.S. Government greater control over vaccine and countermeasure production and development. These meetings included Vice President BIDEN, Secretary of Health and Human Services Sebelius and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano. On August 21, 2009, I chaired a hearing in Pittsburgh, PA, to examine the problems our current system faces and what can be done to remedy them.

This legislation would provide funding for a public/private partnership vaccine developing and manufacturing facility, determined by a competitive bidding process. A public/private facility such as this would allow the government to determine what vaccines would be produced and would use new technology being developed by General Electric to allow rapid change in the vaccines produced. This process currently requires extensive cleaning and