

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5922. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Sedona, AZ; Docket No. 99-AWP-4 (10-21/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0356), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5923. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; York County, PA; Docket No. 99-AWA-09 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0357), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5924. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Federal Airway Victor 108 in the Vicinity of Colorado Springs, CO; Docket No. 99-ANM-4 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0358), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5925. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (48); Amdt. No. 1954 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0053), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5926. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (55); Amdt. No. 1956 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0052), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5927. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (34); Amdt. No. 1957 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0051), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5928. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727-100 and -100C Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-367 (10-7/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0390), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5929. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-318 (10-8/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0396), received October

21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5930. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 77-200 PF Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-38 (10-20/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0414), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5931. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400 Series Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-NM-178 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0424), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5932. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes Powered by Pratt and Whitney JT9D-7R4 Series Turbofan Engines or General Electric CF6-80A Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-NM-363 (10-18/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0410), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5933. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-181 (10-22/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0418), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5934. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A321 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-193 (10-13/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0415), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5935. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 and A300-600R Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-08 (10-13/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0399), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5936. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-94 (10-18/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0408), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5937. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model

A319-232, and -233 and A321-131 and -231 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-96 (10-13/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0398), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5938. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320, A321, A330, and A340 Series Airplanes Equipped with Allied Signal RIA-35B Instrument Landing System Receivers; Docket No. 99-NM-25 (10-18/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0407), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5939. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-81, -82, -83, and -87 Series and Model MD-88 Airplanes; Docket No. 98-267 (10-21/10-7)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0387), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5940. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10, -15, and -30 Airplanes, and KC-10A Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-14 (10-6/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0386), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5941. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9, DC-9-80, and C-9 Series Airplanes, and Model MD-88 Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-268 (17/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0389), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5942. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-340 (10-20/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0412), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5943. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model C-9; DC-9-80 and C-9 Series Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-382 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0422), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5944. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-102, -103, -106, -201, -301, -311, and -315 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-32 (10-22/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0420),

received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5945. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-102, -103, -106, -201, -202, -301, -311, and -315 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-321 (10-14/10-6)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0385), received October 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5946. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100) Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-385 (10-8/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0392), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5947. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3-60 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-52 (10-22/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0416), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5948. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3-30, SD3-60, SD3 SHERPA, and SD3-60 SHERPA Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-137 (10-13/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0401), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5949. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace BAe Model ATP Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-19 (10-22/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0419), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5950. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace BAe Model ATP Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-345 (10-8/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0391), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5951. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model 4101 Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-115 (10-8/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0395), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5952. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-311 and -315 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-324 (10-18/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0406), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5953. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA-365C, C1, C2, N, and N1; AS-365N2; and SA 366G1 Helicopters; Docket No. 98-SW-75 (10-14/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0402), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5954. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA-360C, SA-360C, SA365C, C1, C2, SA-365N, N1, AS-365N2, and A-366G1 Helicopters; Docket No. 98-SW-26 (10-8/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0394), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5955. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SW.3160, SA.315B, SA.316C, and SA.319B Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 98-SW-29 (10-14/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0403), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5956. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GMBH Model BO-105A, BO-105C-2, BO-105CB2, BO-105S, BO105 CS2, BO-105 CBS2, BO-105 CBS4 and BO-105LS A-1 Helicopters; Docket No. 99-SW-52 (10-8/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0393), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5957. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Canada Ltd. Model BO-105 LS A-3 Helicopters; Docket No. 99-SW-56 (10-18/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0409), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5958. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS332C, L, and L1 Helicopter; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-13 (10-6/10-14)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0384), received October 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5959. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon (Beech

Model 400A Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-280 (10-7/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0388), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5960. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon (Beech) Model 400, 400A, 400T, and MU-300-10 Airplanes; Docket No. 96-NM-209 (10-18/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0405), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5961. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon (Beech) Model MU-300 Airplanes; Docket No. 96-NM-210 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0421), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5962. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Conruccions Aeronauticas, SA (CASA), Model CN-235 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-117 (10-22/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0417), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5963. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Mol F-27 Mark 050 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-225 (10-20/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0413), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5964. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A and SAAB 340B Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-244 (10-20/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0411), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5965. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Avions Mudry et Cie Model CAP 10B Airplanes; Docket No. 99-CE-26 (10-13/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0397), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5966. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Falcon 2000 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-377 (10-13/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0400), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5967. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines; Correction: Docket No. 98 ANE-31 (10-15/10-21)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0404), received October 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5968. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Aircraft Engines CF34 Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98 ANE-62 (10-26/10-25)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0423), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ABRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1455. A bill to enhance protections against fraud in the offering of financial assistance for college education, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1829. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to prohibit the payment of debts incurred by the communist government of Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ROTH, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MACK):

S. 1830. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional temporary bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1831. A bill to protect and provide resources for the Social Security System, to reserve surpluses to protect, strengthen and modernize the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Government Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1832. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the Federal minimum wage; read the first time.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1833. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives to encourage the production and use of efficient energy sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1834. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to restore medical eligibility for certain supplementary security income beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1835. A bill to restore Federal remedies for violations of intellectual property rights

by States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. Res. 209. A resolution expressing concern over interference with freedom of the press and the independence of judicial and electoral institutions in Peru; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 210. A resolution recognizing and honoring the New York Yankees; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. ROBB):

S. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the February 2000 deployment of the U.S.S. Eisenhower Battle Group and the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit to an area of potential hostilities and the essential requirements that the battle group and expeditionary unit have received the essential training needed to certify the warfighting proficiency of the forces comprising the battle group and expeditionary unit; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Con. Res. 63. A concurrent resolution condemning the assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other officials of the Armenian Government and expressing the sense of the Congress in mourning this tragic loss of the duly elected leadership of Armenia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. KYL):

S. Con. Res. 64. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning continued use of the United States Navy training range on the island of Vieques in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ROTH, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MACK):

S. 1830. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional temporary bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP ACT

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that would address the growing bankruptcy caseload in our federal judiciary. Increased bankruptcy filings are placing a severe strain on our federal courts

and on the judges who preside over these cases. The House and Senate bankruptcy reform bills seek to address this issue by authorizing eighteen new bankruptcy judges. While Congress recognizes the need for these judges, it has not yet taken the step it deems necessary to approve another needed group of bankruptcy judges identified by the U.S. Judicial Conference in March of this year. This legislation would authorize these six judgeships and help our federal judiciary address an overburdensome workload.

My home state of Georgia is one of the states that the Judicial Conference has indicated needs another bankruptcy judge. The middle and southern districts in Georgia have, respectively, the eighth and ninth highest weighted caseloads in the country. The most recent data from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts indicates that the weighted bankruptcy filings per authorized judgeship is 1,907 for the middle district and 1,880 for the Southern district. Even with approval of a new judge for the southern district, the three full-time judges in that district would still carry a caseload that exceeds the threshold of 1,500 weighted hours that justifies the creation of another judgeship.

The review undertaken by the Judicial Conference of the workload in these Georgia districts also found that caseloads are being managed in a highly efficient manner. The Judicial Conference had no suggestions to assist the court in expending its caseload. A new judgeship is the only solution to this caseload problem.

I understand that the Judicial Conference used the same criteria to justify the 6 new judgeships in their March 1999 recommendation that they used to justify the 18 judgeships in the bankruptcy reform bills. Understanding the need for a new bankruptcy judge in my state, I support the Judicial Conference's recommendation, and other states' efforts to obtain an additional judge. I am pleased that Senator BIDEN, EDWARDS, GRAHAM, CLELAND, SARBANES, MIKULSKI, and MACK, whose states were also included in the March 1999 Judicial Conference recommendation, have joined me on this bill. I believe this legislation will shed important light on caseloads and the need for new judges. The last time Congress approved new bankruptcy judgeships was seven years ago. These judges are needed now and I hope Congress will move forward in approving them.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1831. A bill to protect and provide resources for the Social Security System, to reserve surpluses to protect, strengthen and modernize the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the