

Control of On-shift Training" (RIN:DOE-STD-1040-93) received on June 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9373. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DOE Specifications; Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Systems" (RIN:DOE-SPEC-3021-97) received on June 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9374. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forms Management Guide" (RIN:DOE G 242.1-1) received on June 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9375. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Energy Badges" (RIN:DOE N 473.4) received on June 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 4578: A bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-312).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 3051: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2001" (Report No. 106-311).

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 (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2766. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to payments made under the prospective payment system for home health services furnished under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. 2767. A bill to authorize the enforcement by State and local governments of certain Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding use of citizens band radio equipment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2768. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the medi-

care-dependent, small rural hospital program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBB, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CLELAND):

S. 2769. A bill to authorize funding for National Instant Criminal Background Check System improvements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2770. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain machines designed for children's education; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 2771. A bill to provide for Federal recognition of the Lower Muscogee-Creek Indian Tribe of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2772. A bill to amend the securities laws to provide for regulatory parity for single stock futures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2773. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to enhance dairy markets through dairy product mandatory reporting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 2774. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for individual savings accounts funded by employee and employer social security payroll deductions, to extend the solvency of the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 2775. To foster innovation and technological advancement in the development of the Internet and electronic commerce, and to assist the States in simplifying their sales and use taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 2776. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions to public charities for use in medical research; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBB, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2777. A bill to amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 to revise and enhance authorities, and to authorize appropriations, for the Chesapeake Bay Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2778. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2779. A bill to provide for the designation of renewal communities and to provide

tax incentives relating to such communities, to provide a tax credit to taxpayers investing in entities seeking to provide capital to create new markets in low-income communities, and to provide for the establishment of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), and for other purposes; 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 Mr. BRYAN:

S. Res. 326. A resolution designating the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, as the "National Cowboy Poetry Gathering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 327. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on United States efforts to encourage the governments of foreign countries to investigate and prosecute crimes committed in those countries in the name of family honor and to provide relief for victims of those crimes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2766. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to payments made under the prospective payment system for home health services furnished under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

THE EQUAL ACCESS TO HOME HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2000

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my colleague Senator COLLINS in introducing the Equal Access to Medicare Home Health Care Act. This legislation will protect patient access to home health care under Medicare, and ensure that providers are able to continue serving seniors who reside in medically underserved areas.

Medicare was enacted in 1965, under the leadership of President Lyndon Johnson, as a promise to the American people that, in exchange for their years of hard work and service to our country, their health care would be protected in their golden years. Today, over 30 million seniors rely on the Medicare home health benefit to receive the care they need to maintain their independence and remain in their own homes, and to avoid the need for more costly hospital or nursing home care.

Home health care is critical. It is a benefit to which all eligible Medicare beneficiaries, regardless of where they live, should be entitled. But, this benefit is being seriously undermined. Since enactment of the Balanced Budget Act, BBA, of 1997, federal funding for home health care has plummeted. According to the Congressional Budget