

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Organic Handlers from Assessments for Market Promotion Activities under Marketing Order Programs" (Doc. No. FV03-900-1 FR) received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-634. A communication from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exempting Organic Handlers from Assessment by Research and Promotion Programs" (RIN0581-AC15) received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-635. A communication from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV05-959-1 IFR) received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-636. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lamb Promotion and Research Program: Procedures for the Conduct of a Referendum" (Doc. No. LS-04-06) received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-637. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Appalachian, Florida, and Southeast Marketing Areas—Final Rule" (AO-388-A16, AO-356-A38, and AO-366-A45; DA-04-07) received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-638. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation" (RIN3038-AC13) received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-639. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Background and Security Investigations in Proceedings Before Immigration Judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals" (RIN1125-AA44) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-640. A communication from the Assistant Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Production of Dried Fruit and Honey Wines" (RIN1513-AC21) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-641. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Execution of Removal Orders: Countries to Which Aliens May Be Removed" (RIN1653-AA41) received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-642. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program" (WV-102-FOR) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-643. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2004 Competitive Sourcing Activity Report; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 308. A bill to require that Homeland Security grants related to terrorism preparedness and prevention be awarded based strictly on an assessment of risk, threat, and vulnerabilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 309. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 310. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 311. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 312. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. REED, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 313. A bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 314. A bill to protect consumers, creditors, workers, pensioners, shareholders, and small businesses, by reforming the rules governing venue in bankruptcy cases to combat forum shopping by corporate debtors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 315. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that reimbursements for costs of using passenger automobiles for charitable and other organizations are excluded from gross income, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 316. A bill to limit authority to delay notice of search warrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 317. A bill to protect privacy by limiting the access of the Government to library, bookseller, and other personal records for foreign intelligence and counterintelligence purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 318. A bill to clarify conditions for the interceptions of computer trespass communications under the USA-PATRIOT Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 319. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the amount of minimum allotments under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 320. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to carry out a pilot project on compatible use buffers on real property bordering Fort Carson, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 321. A bill to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 322. A bill to establish the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership in the States of Vermont and New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 323. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 43. A resolution designating the first day of April 2005 as "National Asbestos Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 44. A resolution celebrating Black History Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 45. A resolution commending the James Madison University Dukes football

team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division I-AA National Football Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 46. A resolution commemorating the life of the late Zurab Zhvania, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Con. Res. 10. A concurrent resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2006 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. SHELBY):

S. Con. Res. 11. A concurrent resolution honoring the Tuskegee Airmen for their bravery in fighting for our freedom in World War II, and for their contribution in creating an integrated United States Air Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 20, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce the number of abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, and for other purposes.

S. 77

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of S. 77, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve death benefits for the families of deceased members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to control salt cedar and Russian olive, and for other purposes.

S. 187

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 187, a bill to limit the applicability of the annual updates to the allowance for States and other taxes in the tables used in the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology for the award year 2005–2006, published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2004.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to increase the supply of quality child care.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 239

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 239, a bill to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 266, a bill to stop taxpayer funded Government propaganda.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 285, a bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program.

S. 286

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 286, a bill to amend section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the Federal Pell Grant maximum amount.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

S. 290

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr.

DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 290, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain hazard mitigation assistance.

S. 302

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 302, a bill to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.

S. 304

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, supra.

S. 306

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 306, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 308. A bill to require that Homeland Security grants related to terrorism preparedness and prevention be awarded based strictly on an assessment of risk, threat, and vulnerabilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on a matter of great significance to our State and to many States across the country: protecting our homeland from another terrorist attack.

Everyone is aware of how difficult the fight is against terrorism, wherever it takes place in the world, and the number of casualties we have experienced in Iraq, that manifests itself in Afghanistan and different countries. But one place we ought to be looking at in terms of protecting ourselves from terror is in the United States. We should not be skimming on the costs or resources available for Homeland Security. My colleague Senator CORZINE and I today are introducing a bill to ensure that Federal Homeland Security funds get sent where they are needed most.

On September 11, 2001, 700 of the people who lost their lives were from New Jersey. On that terrible day, people of north Jersey could see the smoke rising from the World Trade Center. From my own home, I look directly at the