

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-707. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2001 and 2002 annual reports compiled by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered and threatened species by Federal and State agencies received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-708. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a corrected version that replaces the reports received on December 17, 2004 of the 2001 and 2002 annual reports compiled by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered and threatened species by Federal and State agencies received on February 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-709. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2005 and 2006 Summer Flounder Specifications; 2005 Scup and Black Sea Bass Specifications" (RIN0648-AR51) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-710. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final 2005, 2006 and 2007 Fishing Quotas for Atlantic Surfclams, Ocean Quahogs, and Maine Mahogany Ocean Quahogs" (RIN0648-AR52) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-711. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report dated December 30, 2004 entitled "Assistance Provided to Foreign Aviation Authorities for FY 2004", received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-712. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Patent Fee Related Provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005" received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-713. A communication from the Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Director for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Scientific and Technical Reports—SBIR and STTR Contracts" (RIN2700-AD04) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-714. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Fishery reopening; quota transfer" (I.D. 122704C) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-715. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Understandings Reached at the June 2004 Australia Group (AG) Plenary Meeting and Through a Subsequent AG Interseasonal Decision; Clarifications to the Scope of ECCNs 1A004, 1A994, and 2B351; Corrections to Country Group D and ECCNs 1C355, 1C395, and 1C995; Additions to the List of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention" (RIN0694-AD25) received February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-716. A communication from Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 2B351 to Conform with the Australia Group (AG) (Control List of Dual-Use Chemical Manufacturing Facilities and Equipment and Related Technology)" (0694-AD16) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-717. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Buckle Up America: The National Initiative for Increasing Safety Belt Use" received February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-718. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Federal Railroad Administrator, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-719. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, received February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-720. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Federal Railroad Administrator, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-721. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-722. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Industry and Security, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-723. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report stating that the Coast Guard implemented no new rules concerning the Edible Oil Regulatory Reform Act, received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-724. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act as required by U.S. Code, Title 31, Section 1351, received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-725. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Transportation Safety Board's appeal letter to the Office of Management and Budget regarding the initial determination of the Board's fiscal year 2006 budget request, received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-726. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Fiscal Year 2004 Competitive Sourcing Efforts, received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-727. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture transmitting the Department's final rule—Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal-Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities [Docket No. 03-080-3] (RIN 0579-AB73). Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on January 6, 2005, inadvertently attached to 109ec00017, and therefore not individually noted at that time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LOTT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S. Res. 50. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, and October 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007.

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:

S. 369. A bill to establish protections against compelled disclosure of sources, and news information, by persons providing services for the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 370. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 371. A bill to provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL,

Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 372. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literacy, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 373. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide for a program to develop and demonstrate the cost-effective operation of a fleet of renewable hydrogen passenger vehicles; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 374. A bill to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. REID, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Agriculture under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to risk zones for introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy; 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. LOTT:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 50. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, and October 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 51. A resolution recognizing the importance of the writings of Dashiell Hammett to American literature and culture on the 75th anniversary of the first publication of "The Maltese Falcon"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 52. A resolution honoring Shirley Chisholm for her service to the Nation and expressing condolences to her family, friends, and supporters on her death; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. Res. 53. A resolution demanding the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 54. A resolution paying tribute to John Hume; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 7

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 7, a bill to increase American jobs and economic growth by making permanent the individual income tax rate reductions, the reduction in the capital gains and dividend tax rates, and the repeal of the estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 37, *supra*.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to amend the age restrictions for pilots.

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicare program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) 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. 271

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in

section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, and for other purposes.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 285, a bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) 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.

S. 306

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 306, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 314

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

S. 331

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to reaffirm the authority of States to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities.

S. 340

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 340, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms.