

EC-1437. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management and the Senior Executive, National Security Personnel System, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Comments on Proposed Regulations for the National Security Personnel System From Unions Representing DoD Employees"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1438. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the military operations of the Armed Forces and the reconstruction activities of the Department in Iraq and Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1439. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the approval of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1440. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the approval of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of vice admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1441. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the approval of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of vice admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1442. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1443. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Provision of Information to Cooperative Agreement Holders" (DFARS Case 2004-D025) received on March 18, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1444. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Final Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1445. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluating the Financial Disclosure Process for Employees of the Executive Branch, and Recommending Improvements to It"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1446. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Controller, received on March 28, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1447. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2004 Performance Report for the Animal Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1448. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance Improvement 2003: Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services"; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1449. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's inventory of commercial activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1450. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-48, "Washington Convention Center Authority Advisory Committee Continuity Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1451. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-47, "Terrorism Prevention in Hazardous Materials Transportation Temporary Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1452. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-46, "Electronic Recording Procedures and Penalties Temporary Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1453. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-49, "Abatement of Nuisance Construction Projects Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. COCHRAN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 688. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the excise tax exemptions for aerial applicators of fertilizers or other substances; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 689. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a program to provide assistance to small communities for use in carrying out projects and activities necessary to achieve or maintain compliance with drinking water standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 690. A bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to provide from the Highway Trust Fund additional funding for Indian reservation roads, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 691. A bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 692. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in northwestern New

Mexico by resolving a dispute associated with coal preference right lease interests on the land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 693. A bill to provide for judicial review of national security letters issued to wire and electronic communications service providers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 694. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for a job training grant pilot program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. BYRD):

S. 695. A bill to suspend temporarily new shipper bonding privileges; 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. REID (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Res. 93. A resolution relative to the death of Howell T. Heflin, former United States Senator for the State of Alabama; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 94. A resolution honoring Pope John Paul II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 109

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill entitled the "Pharmaceutical Market Access Act of 2005".

S. 132

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance.

S. 147

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 185, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

S. 217

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program.

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 308

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 324

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 324, a bill to provide additional protections for recipients of the earned income tax credit.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors 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. 337

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service, to expand certain authorities to provide health care benefits for Reserves and their families, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Bipartisan Commission on Medicaid.

S. 340

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor 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. 352

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 352, a bill to revise certain requirements for H-2B employers and require submission of information regarding H-2B non-immigrants, and for other purposes.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, and for other purposes.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr.

FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to establish protections against compelled disclosure of sources, and news information, by persons providing services for the news media.

S. 382

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity in developing countries, while promoting economic development, and for other purposes.

S. 387

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 387, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the investment in greenhouse gas intensity reduction projects, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity and to provide credit-based financial assistance and investment protection for projects that employ advanced climate technologies or systems, to provide for the establishment of a national greenhouse gas registry, and for other purposes.

S. 408

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 408, a bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were

added as cosponsors of S. 495, a bill to impose sanctions against perpetrators of crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 515

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 515, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, and for other purposes.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to limit the jurisdiction of Federal courts in certain cases and promote federalism.

S. 521

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 521, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 542

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 542, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to extend for 5 years the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources, and for other purposes.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 576, a bill to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include combat pay in determining an allowable contribution to an individual retirement plan.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while

serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 677

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 677, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the pay of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the pay of civilian employees of the United States.

S. RES. 31

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 31, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the week of August 7, 2005, be designated as "National Health Center Week" in order to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 82

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LAN-

DRIEU) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 82, a resolution urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union's wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations.

S. RES. 85

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 85, a resolution designating July 23, 2005, and July 22, 2006, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 689. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a program to provide assistance to small communities for use in carrying out projects and activities necessary to achieve or maintain compliance with drinking water standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, communities within the State of New Mexico and throughout the country will soon be faced with a costly situation that was not of their making. Beginning in 2006, Federal drinking water regulations established by the EPA will require substantial reductions in the amount of arsenic present in that water. Today the limit is 50 parts per billion in 2006 it will be 10 parts per billion. Arsenic is indeed a poison when ingested at high amounts. It is also naturally occurring in much of the groundwater throughout the nation. Indeed, in Albuquerque, NM, the natural levels of arsenic are around 13 parts per billion. This illustrates the problem that the new standards will create.

The bill that I introduce today recognizes that in some parts of America, the burden will be too great for some communities to bear.

The bill does the following: (1) finds that small communities may not have the resources to meet the new arsenic standards and that Federal programs are not in place to address the issue; (2) creates a grant program for many small communities to help upgrade their water systems; (3) ensures that not less than 20 percent of the grant monies go to communities with less than 50,000 residents; and (4) authorizes appropriations of \$1.9 billion for FY2006 and for each year through FY2011.

Let me tell you more about this problem. In New Mexico, the geology, the make up of the rocks and dirt, results in relatively high levels of arsenic in the groundwater. However, over time, New Mexico residents have not experienced higher levels of diseases associated with arsenic.