

EC-6601. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “United States Department of Transportation Report to Congress on Recommendations of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Program Advisory Committee 2009”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

H.R. 1933. A bill to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

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 Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 3570. A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3571. A bill to extend certain Federal benefits and income tax provisions to energy generated by hydropower resources; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 3572. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation’s first law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 3573. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 3574. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DODD, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 3575. A bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act and to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to share information about the use of controlled substances by veterans with State prescription monitoring programs to prevent misuse and diversion of prescription medicines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 3576. A bill to promote the production and use of renewable energy, 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. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 579. A resolution honoring the life of Manute Bol and expressing the condolences of the Senate on his passing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. LEMIEUX):

S. Res. 580. A resolution commemorating the life and work of George M. Steinbrenner of the State of New York; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 493

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of ABLE accounts for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers’ excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 781

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 781, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1158

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were

added as cosponsors of S. 1237, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.

S. 1376

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1376, a bill to restore immunization and sibling age exemptions for children adopted by United States citizens under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption to allow their admission into the United States.

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1567, a bill to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 2129

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2129, a bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women’s History Museum.

S. 3034

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3034, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to strike medals in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and the establishment of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center.

S. 3043

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3043, a bill to award planning grants and implementation grants to State educational agencies to enable the State educational agencies to complete comprehensive planning to carry out activities designed to integrate engineering education into K-12 instruction and curriculum and to provide evaluation grants to measure efficacy of K-12 engineering education.

S. 3184

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3184, a bill to provide United States assistance for the purpose of eradicating severe forms of

trafficking in children in eligible countries through the implementation of Child Protection Compacts, and for other purposes.

S. 3190

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3190, a bill to reaffirm that the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997 does not limit a contracting officer's discretion regarding whether to make a contract available for award pursuant to any of the restricted competition programs authorized by the Small Business Act.

S. 3199

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3199, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

S. 3238

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3238, a bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and to the memorials established at the 3 sites that were attacked on that day.

S. 3246

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3246, a bill to exclude from consideration as income under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 amounts received by a family from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service-related disabilities of a member of the family.

S. 3339

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3339, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain small producers.

S. 3425

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3425, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the provision of behavioral health services to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces necessary to meet pre-deployment and post-deployment readiness and fitness standards, and for other purposes.

S. 3493

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 3493, a bill to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 3510

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3510, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 3518

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3518, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments in United States Courts where those judgments undermine the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and to provide a cause of action for declaratory judgment relief against a party who has brought a successful foreign defamation action whose judgment undermines the first amendment.

S. 3519

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3519, a bill to stabilize the matching requirement for participants in the Hollings Manufacturing Partnership Program.

S. 3552

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3552, a bill to require an Air Force study on the threats to, and sustainability of, the air test and training range infrastructure.

S.J. RES. 30

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 30, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Mediation Board relating to representation election procedures.

S. RES. 555

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 555, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

S. RES. 565

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 565, a resolution supporting and recognizing the achievements of the

family planning services programs operating under title X of the Public Health Service Act.

S. RES. 573

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 573, a resolution urging the development of a comprehensive strategy to ensure stability in Somalia, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4410

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4410 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5297, an act to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4412

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4412 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5297, an act to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4413

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4413 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5297, an act to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4439

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4439 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5297, an act to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4443

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4443 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5297, an act to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself,

Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 3570. A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce two pieces of legislation aimed at increasing the production of our hardest working renewable resource, one that often gets overlooked in the clean energy debate—hydropower. The first bill I would like to introduce today is the Hydropower Improvement Act of 2010, co-sponsored by my colleagues Senators MURRAY, CANTWELL, and CRAPO, true hydropower advocates. The Hydropower Improvement Act of 2010 seeks to substantially increase the capacity and generation of our clean, renewable hydropower resources that will improve environmental quality and support hundreds of thousands of green energy jobs.

There is no question that hydropower is, and must continue to be, part of our energy solution. It is the largest source of renewable electricity in the United States. The 96,000 megawatts of hydroelectric capacity we now have today provide about 7 percent of the Nation's electricity needs. Hydroelectric generation is carbon-free baseload power that allows us to avoid 225 million metric tons of carbon emissions each year. Hydropower is clean efficient, and inexpensive. Yet, despite its tremendous benefits, I am constantly amazed at how some undervalue this important resource.

Perhaps it is because conventional wisdom dismisses our Nation's hydropower capacity as tapped out. That is simply not the case. If anything, hydropower is really an under-developed resource—something we certainly understand in my home state of Alaska where hydro already supplies 24 percent of the state's electricity needs and over 200 promising sites for further hy-

dropower development have been identified. There is great potential for additional hydropower development in every State, not just Alaska.

According to the Obama administration, conventional hydropower facilities have the capacity to generate an additional 75,000 megawatts of power—a staggering amount of clean, inexpensive power. Now that doesn't seem possible until you realize that only 3 percent of the country's 80,000 existing dams are even electrified. Significant amounts of new capacity—anywhere between 20,000 and 60,000 megawatts—can be derived from simple efficiency improvements or capacity additions at existing facilities.

Additional hydropower can be captured in existing man-made conduits and hydroelectric pumped storage projects can help reliably integrate other renewable resources that are intermittent, such as wind, onto our grid.

The Hydropower Improvement Act of 2010 seeks to increase substantially our nation's hydropower capacity in an effort to expand renewable power generation and create much needed American jobs. The legislation establishes a competitive grants program to support further hydropower development and directs the Energy Department to produce and implement a plan for the research, development and demonstration of increased hydropower capacity. The bill provides the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with additional authority to extend preliminary permit terms; to work with Federal resource agencies to streamline the review process for conduit hydropower projects; and to conduct a Notice of Inquiry into a possible two-year licensing process for certain minimal impact projects. The Act also calls for studies on pumped storage sites and the potential for nonfederal development at Bureau of Reclamation facilities, and authorizes training for hydroelectric power technology at community colleges.

It is my hope that as the Senate turns to energy legislation, we can finally recognize the important contribution the renewable resource of hydropower makes, and will continue to make, to our clean energy goals. This legislation is supported by the National Hydropower Association, the American Public Power Association, the Family Farm Alliance, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Edison Electric Institute, and the National Water Resources Association. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the Hydropower Improvement Act of 2010 to promote the further development of our most cost-effective, clean energy option while creating hundreds of thousands of new green jobs.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3570

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Hydropower Improvement Act of 2010”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Sense of Congress on the use of hydropower renewable resources.
- Sec. 5. Grants for improvements for increased hydropower production.
- Sec. 6. Plan for research, development, and demonstration to increase hydropower capacity.
- Sec. 7. Notice of inquiry for minimal impact hydropower projects.
- Sec. 8. FERC authority to extend preliminary permit terms.
- Sec. 9. Streamlining review process for conduit hydropower projects.
- Sec. 10. Non-Federal hydropower development at Bureau of Reclamation projects.
- Sec. 11. Pumped storage study.
- Sec. 12. National Renewable Energy Deployment Program.
- Sec. 13. Hydroelectric power worker training.
- Sec. 14. Report on memorandum of understanding on hydropower.
- Sec. 15. Nonapplication to Federal Power Marketing Administrations.
- Sec. 16. Budgetary effects.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) hydropower is the largest source of clean, renewable electricity in the United States;

(2) as of the date of enactment of this Act, hydropower resources, including pumped storage facilities, provide—

(A) 7 percent of the electricity generated in the United States, avoiding 225,000,000 metric tons of carbon emissions each year; and

(B) approximately 96,000 megawatts of electric capacity in the United States;

(3) only 3 percent of the 80,000 dams in the United States generate electricity so there is substantial potential for adding hydropower generation to nonpower dams;

(4) in every State, a tremendous untapped growth potential exists in hydropower resources, including—

(A) efficiency improvements and capacity additions;

(B) adding generation to nonpower dams;

(C) conduit hydropower;

(D) conventional hydropower;

(E) pumped storage facilities; and

(F) new marine and hydrokinetic resources; and

(5) improvements in increased hydropower production in the United States have the potential—

(A) to create hundreds of thousands of new green jobs during the next 15 years;

(B) to increase the clean energy generation of the United States; and

(C) to provide ancillary benefits that include grid reliability, energy storage, and integration services for variable renewable resources.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) CONDUIT.—The term “conduit” means any tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume,