

EC-5097. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Zero-Emission Vehicle Component of the Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL No. 8522-3) received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5098. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2008-24) received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5099. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Medicare beneficiaries with specified chronic conditions who are deemed to be homebound; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5100. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (22 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5101. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5102. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Health, received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5103. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on February 1, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5104. A communication from the Acting Controller, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Financial Management Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5105. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, justification of its budget estimates for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5106. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-290, "Juvenile Speedy Trial Equity Temporary Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5107. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-281, "Non-Resident Taxi Drivers Registration Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5108. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-282, "SafeRx Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5109. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-283, "Disposition and Redevelopment of Lot 854 in Square 441 Approval Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5110. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-285, "District of Columbia Public Library Retirement Incentive Temporary Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5111. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-286, "Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Active Duty Pay Differential Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5112. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-287, "Minority and Women-Owned Business Assessment Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5113. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-288, "Excellence in Local Business Contract Grading Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5114. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-289, "National Capital Revitalization Corporation and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Reorganization Act of 2008" received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5115. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of two courts improvement proposals adopted in September 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5116. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Loan Servicing and Claims Procedures Modifications" (RIN2900-AL65) received on February 1, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 439. A resolution expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into a Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*John E. Osborn, of Delaware, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

\*Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

\*Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008.

\*Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

\*Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

\*Susan M. McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

\*Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008.

\*Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

\*William J. Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

\*Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

\*James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador.

\*Ana M. Guevara, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

\*Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

\*Larry Woodrow Walther, of Arkansas, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

\*Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

\*David J. Kramer, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

\*Jeffrey J. Grieco, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

\*James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Nominee: James Francis Moriarty.  
Post: Dhaka, Bangladesh.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

- Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:
1. Self, none.
  2. Spouse, Lauren Moriarty, none.
  3. Children and spouses: T.F. Mana Moriarty, none; Kathleen K. Moriarty, none.
  4. Parents: William Moriarty (deceased); June Buckley (deceased).
  5. Grandparents: Rene Provencal (deceased); Carmel Provencal, none.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Philip G. Moriarty (single), none; Mark F. Moriarty (single), none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Margaret Staruk, none; Harry Staruk, none.

\*Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Nominee: Margaret Scobey.

Post: Ambassador to Egypt.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: n/a.

3. Children and Spouses: n/a.

4. Parents: James L. and Dolores K. Scobey (deceased). Grandparents: W.C. and Viola Scobey (deceased); John and Theodora Koshalek (deceased).

5. Brothers and Spouses: James L. and Janet Scobey: 25.00, 2006, Mel Martinez; 25.00, 2006, Tom Feeny; 25.00, 2006, Bill McCollum. Martin W. and Mary Scobey: none.

6. Sisters and Spouses: n/a.

\*Deborah K. Jones, of New Mexico, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Kuwait.

Nominee: Deborah Kay Jones.

Post: U.S. Embassy Kuwait.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, Donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Minor children, Ana (15), and Isabella (11) Olson, none.

4. Parents: Lavar Allred Jones (deceased June 1999), father; Corina Ringius Nolting, mother, none.

5. Grandparents: Leland James Jones (deceased 1986); Minnie Louise Jones (deceased 1968); Carlos Fortunato Ringius (deceased—Argentine national); Ana Maria Tiscornia (deceased—Argentine national).

6. Brothers and Spouses: unknown; Lavar Allred Jones, Jr.—no contact since 1981, none. Dwight Timothy Jones/Selene, spouse.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Celia Bezou/Jacques Francois Bezou, spouse, \$1,000, 2004, John Kerry; Leslie Louise Jones, \$100, 2004, Howard Dean; Wendy Jones/James Hargrove, spouse, none; Rachel Jones/Nathan Yorgason, spouse, none; Heather Jones/Jason Johnson, spouse, none; Katherine Jones/Jared Holland, spouse, none.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### 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. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORKER, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2627. A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 2628. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat income earned by mutual funds from exchange-traded funds holding precious metal bullion as qualifying income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2629. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide Medicaid coverage of drugs prescribed for certain research study child participants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2630. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Federal grant program to provide increased health care coverage to and access for uninsured and underinsured workers and families in the commercial fishing industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2631. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 2632. A bill to ensure that the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act is applied retroactively; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2633. A bill to provide for the safe redeployment of United States troops from Iraq; read the first time.

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

S. 2634. A bill to require a report setting forth the global strategy of the United States to combat and defeat al Qaeda and its affiliates; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2635. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2636. A bill to provide needed housing reform; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 450. A resolution designating July 26, 2008, as "National Day of the Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 451. A resolution honoring the achievements of Rawle and Henderson LLP, on its 225th anniversary and on being recognized as the oldest law firm in continuous practice in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 452. A resolution commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh as the culmination of the Forbes Campaign across Pennsylvania and the significance this event played in the making of America, in the settlement of the continent, and in spreading the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout the world; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 453. A resolution recognizing February 20, 2008, as the 100th anniversary of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH)