

2010-D-0645)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-738. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Food and Drug Administration's annual Report to Congress on the Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee Vacancies and Public Disclosures; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-739. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-740. A communication from the Director of Legal Affairs and Policy, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Affecting Publication of the United States Government Manual" (A.G. Order No. 3252-2011) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-741. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-742. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeal Authority when Researcher Privileges are Revoked" (RIN3095-AB69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-743. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Definition of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and Angelina County, Texas, to Non-appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AM22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-744. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Shreveport, LA; Texarkana, TX; Milwaukee, WI; and Southwestern Wisconsin Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AM28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-745. A communication from the Executive Director, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the General/Trust Fund Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-746. A communication from the Executive Director, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2010 Performance Accountability Report and Financial Statements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. Res. 81. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, and October 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013.

#### 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. ENSIGN:

S. 422. A bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 423. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide authority for retroactive effective date for awards of disability compensation in connection with applications that are fully developed at submittal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 424. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 425. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of permanent national surveillance systems for multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases and disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 426. A bill to strengthen student achievement and graduation rates and prepare young people for college, careers, and citizenship through innovative partnerships that meet the comprehensive needs of children and youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 427. A bill to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 428. A bill to establish the Office of the Inspector General of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 429. A bill to improve the reporting requirements relating to foreign travel by members of Congress and the use of foreign currency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 80. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its

continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 81. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, and October 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Res. 82. A resolution to provide sufficient time for legislation to be read; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 83. A resolution designating March 2, 2011, as "Read Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 84. A resolution expressing support for internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 85. A resolution strongly condemning the gross and systematic violations of human rights in Libya, including violent attacks on protesters demanding democratic reforms, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BURR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. Res. 86. A resolution recognizing the Defense Intelligence Agency on its 50th Anniversary; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the job-killing Federal employer mandate.

S. 23

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 23, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

S. 202

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 202, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States before the end of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 219

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr.

HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 248

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 249

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 249, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that Act shall not apply to any gray wolf (*Canis lupus*).

S. 255

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to enhance early care and education.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns.

S. 414

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 414, a bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 418, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. CON. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 4, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that an appropriate site on Chaplains Hill in Arlington National

Cemetery should be provided for a memorial marker to honor the memory of the Jewish chaplains who died while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. CON. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 20

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 20, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should immediately approve the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, and the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement.

S. RES. 47

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 47, a resolution recognizing the importance of biosecurity and agrodefense in the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 112

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 112 proposed to S. 23, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

AMENDMENT NO. 116

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 116 proposed to S. 23, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 427. A bill to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today with my good friend Senator ENSIGN to introduce the Sloan Hills Withdrawal Act of 2010.

For nearly a decade, there has been heated debate over a proposal to permit a sand and gravel mine on public lands next door to a Henderson community with over 13,000 residents—many of whom are retired seniors. Local citizens have voiced serious safety and community health concerns about the mine. I have listened to their concerns and share their opposition to the mine.

That is why I am re-introducing legislation to stop the development of the proposed 640-acre gravel pit by withdrawing the area from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral materials. This legislation ensures the safety of Nevadans and puts an end to this proposed mining operation once and for all.

The opposition to the proposed gravel mine is overwhelming. I have received petitions with thousands—literally thousands—of signatures from people who are up in arms over the proposed gravel mine because of its potential effect on the health of residents and the toll that operations would have on an otherwise peaceful community. The project would be located on federal land, so local governments are limited in their ability to influence the outcome of the Sloan Hills proposal. It is clear, though, that the location envisioned for this project is not in the best interests of our community.

Despite strong local opposition, the Bureau of Land Management has undertaken an evaluation of the proposed gravel operation at Sloan Hills. If approved, the resulting mine would blast rock, crush gravel, kick up dust, and consume precious water resources up to twenty-four hours a day, every day, for thirty years. This would all be done just a stone's throw away from peaceful Henderson neighborhoods. Residents are justifiably worried that this project will reduce their home values, harm their health, and impact their overall quality of life.

Most troublesome to Henderson residents are large clouds of fine particulate matter that would be generated by mining activities at the Sloan Hills site. This dust pollution, kicked up by the proposed gravel operation, could exacerbate air quality challenges in the Las Vegas Valley and would be particularly troublesome for the nearby, age-restricted communities—home to many seniors already suffering from respiratory problems.

This bill is important to me and to the people of southern Nevada. I want to thank Steve Sisolak, vice chair of the Clark County Commission, for all his hard work championing this issue in Southern Nevada. Keeping our communities safe, healthy, and livable is critical.

I appreciate your help and I look forward to working with Chairman BINGAMAN, Ranking Member MURKOWSKI and the other distinguished members of the Senate Energy Committee to move this legislation forward in the near future.

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. 427

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sloan Hills Withdrawal Act".