

transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report of the Administration of the Government in the Sunshine Act for Calendar Year 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-843. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-844. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Second Report of the Judicial Conference of the United States on the Adequacy of Privacy Rules Prescribed Under the E-Government Act of 2002"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-845. A communication from the Secretary, Bureau of Trade Analysis, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier Negotiated Rate Arrangements" (RIN3072-AC38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-846. A communication from the Chief, Satellite Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Second Order on Reconsideration, 'In the Matter of Telesat Canada Petitions for Reconsideration; The Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Broadcasting-Satellite Service at the 17.3-17.7 GHz Frequency Band and at the 17.7-17.8 GHz Frequency Band Internationally . . .'" (FCC 10-188) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-847. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Kualapuu, Hawaii)" (MB Docket No. 09-189) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-848. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Willow Creek, California)" (MB Docket No. 10-189) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. THUNE:

S. 501. A bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 502. A bill for the relief of Maha Dakar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 503. A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers

to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 504. 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 Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 505. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide immunity for reports of suspected terrorist activity or suspicious behavior and response; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 506. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 507. A bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 508. A bill to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 509. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 510. A bill to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. BURR):

S. 511. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for a reduction in the number of bou-

tique fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 512. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 513. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 514. A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 515. A bill to rescind amounts made available for water treatment improvements for the Flathead County Water and Sewer District and make the amounts available for Federal deficit reduction; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 94. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate in support of reducing its budget by at least 5 percent; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BURR:

S. Res. 95. A resolution increasing awareness of and recognizing the life-saving role of ostomy care and prosthetics in the daily lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 146

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans.

S. 325

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, 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. 398

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 398, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy efficiency of certain appliances and equipment, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to study the feasibility of the hydrological separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins.

S. 474

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. 474, a bill to reform the regulatory process to ensure that small businesses are free to compete and to create jobs, and for other purposes.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to require certain mortgages to evaluate loans for modifications, to establish a grant program for State and local government mediation programs, and for other purposes.

S. 499

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 499, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 7

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

S. RES. 51

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 51, a resolution recognizing the 190th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy.

S. RES. 65

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr.

ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 65, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the conviction by the Government of Russia of businessman Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Platon Lebedev constitutes a politically motivated case of selective arrest and prosecution that flagrantly undermines the rule of law and independence of the judicial system of Russia.

S. RES. 87

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 87, a resolution designating the year of 2012 as the "International Year of Cooperatives".

AMENDMENT NO. 143

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 143 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 Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 505. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide immunity for reports of suspected terrorist activity or suspicious behavior and response; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleague, Senator LIEBERMAN, in introducing the See Something, Say Something Act of 2011.

The number of thwarted and failed attacks in the past few years and the Fort Hood attack, which left 13 people dead and wounded dozens, are sobering reminders that terrorists continue to threaten our nation. We have seen, however, that an alert citizenry can be our first line of defense against terrorist attacks as evidenced by events only a few weeks ago in Texas.

Tips from alert citizens led to an investigation and the eventual arrest of Khalid Aldawsari on a federal charge of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. Specifically, an alert chemical supplier reported Aldawsari's suspicious attempt to purchase a toxic chemical called phenol to the FBI. Shipping company personnel also notified local police officers about related suspicious behavior. Without these calls to law enforcement, it is possible that a person who wrote in his diary "it is time for Jihad" would have carried out an attack or attacks on his numerous intended targets, including dams, nuclear power plants, and former President George W. Bush.

Individuals must be protected from frivolous lawsuits when they report, in good faith, suspicious behavior that may indicate terrorist activity. That is why I am again introducing legislation, along with Senator LIEBERMAN, that will provide these important protections.

In the 2007 homeland security law, Senator LIEBERMAN and I authored a provision to encourage people to report potential terrorist threats directed against transportation systems. This legislation would expand those protections to reports of suspicious behavior in sectors other than transportation. For example, reports of suspicious activity could be equally important in detecting terrorist plans to attack "soft targets" like hotels, shopping malls, restaurants, and religious institutions.

In December 2008, a Federal jury convicted five men from New Jersey of conspiring to murder American soldiers at Fort Dix. According to law enforcement officials, the report of an alert store clerk, who stated that a customer had brought in a video showing men firing weapons and shouting in Arabic, triggered their investigation. If not for the report of this vigilant store clerk, law enforcement may not have disrupted this plot against military personnel at Fort Dix. Real life examples like these highlight the need for this bill.

That store clerk's action likely saved hundreds of lives. It reveals a core truth of the dangerous times in which we live. Our safety depends on more than just police officers, intelligence analysts, and soldiers. It also depends on the alertness and civic responsibility of all Americans. So we must encourage citizens to be watchful and to report suspicious activity whenever it occurs.

As a result of the devastating 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks, Senator LIEBERMAN and I convened hearings held by the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to examine lessons learned from those attacks. These hearings helped bring to light the reality that terrorists might shift their attention from high-value, high-security targets to less secure commercial facilities, where there remains the potential for mass casualties and widespread panic.

Many of the Committee's witnesses during these hearings endorsed the idea of expanding the 2007 law beyond the transportation sector. Indeed, NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly said that the 2007 law "made eminently good sense" and recommended "that it be expanded [to other sectors] if at all possible."

The threat is real, and we must encourage citizens to be watchful and to report suspicious activity whenever it occurs. Our legal system, however, can be misused to chill the willingness of citizens to come forward and report possible dangers. As widely reported by the media in 2006, US Airways removed 6 Islamic clerics from a flight after other passengers expressed concerns that some of the clerics had moved out of their assigned seats and had requested, but were not using, seat belt extenders that could possibly double as weapons. In response to these concerns, US Airways officials removed these individuals from the plane so that they could further investigate.