

EC-1937. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial aspects for fiscal year 2010 of the implementation of the Animal Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1938. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration on Aging's Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1939. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Cumberland, Maine, as a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AM38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1940. 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 Madison, Wisconsin, and Southwestern Wisconsin Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AM32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1941. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Rewrite of GSAR Part 570; Acquiring Leasehold Interests in Real Property" (RIN3090-AI96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1942. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Contract Closeout" ((RIN9000-AL43) (FAC 2005-52)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1943. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Sustainable Acquisition" ((RIN9000-A96L) (FAC 2005-52)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1944. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Buy American Exemption for Commercial Information Technology-Construction Material" ((RIN9000-AL62) (FAC 2005-52)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 710. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system (Rept. No. 112-20).

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. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1149. A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1150. A bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1151. A bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1152. A bill to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 1153. A bill to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal land by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal land and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1154. A bill to require transparency for Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 28

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 28, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide public safety providers an additional 10 megahertz of spectrum to support a national, interoperable wireless broadband network and authorize the Federal Communications Commission to hold incentive auctions to provide funding to support such a network, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the

Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor 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. 412

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 412, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) 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. 534

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, 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. 603

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 672

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 672, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and

modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 700

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the treatment of certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 758

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prevent the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from prohibiting the use of service dogs on Department of Veterans Affairs property.

S. 797

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 797, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 800

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 800, a bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to reauthorize and improve the safe routes to school program.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 866

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 868

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

(Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 868, a bill to restore the long-standing partnership between the States and the Federal Government in managing the Medicaid program.

S. 922

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 922, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes.

S. 939

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 939, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the furnishing of water and sewage facilities.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education.

S. 949

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 949, a bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill to reduce energy costs, improve energy efficiency, and expand the use of renewable energy by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to establish clear regulatory standards for mortgage servicers, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 979, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 996

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 996, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend

the new markets tax credit through 2016, and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 to provide for implementation of additional recommendations of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to support secondary school reentry programs.

S. 1025

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1025, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes.

S. 1094

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1094, a bill to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-416).

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to improve national security letters, the authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1145, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 17

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 17, a joint

resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

At the request of Mr. McCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 17, supra.

S. RES. 175

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 175, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders.

S. RES. 185

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 185, a resolution reaffirming the commitment of the United States to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, reaffirming opposition to the inclusion of Hamas in a unity government unless it is willing to accept peace with Israel and renounce violence, and declaring that Palestinian efforts to gain recognition of a state outside direct negotiations demonstrates absence of a good faith commitment to peace negotiations, and will have implications for continued United States aid.

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 202, a resolution designating June 27, 2011, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1149. A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today Sen. CRAPO, Sen. RISCH, Sen. MERKLEY, and I are introducing the Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2011. The bill is aimed at making improvements to the Geothermal Steam Act and is very similar to legislation introduced in the 111th Congress as S. 3993.

Both bills contain identical provisions to allow the Secretary of the Interior to lease a limited amount of public land adjacent to existing geothermal property at fair market value. The reason for this change is to allow the rapid expansion of already identified geothermal resources without the additional delays of competitive leasing and without opening up those adjacent properties to speculative bidders who have no interest in actually developing the resource, only in extracting as much money as they can from the existing geothermal lease holder. Current lease holders are understandably reluctant to nominate adjacent lands to proven resources for competitive leasing because doing so would immediately signal the value of those adjacent properties. As a result, existing geothermal developers will likely not realize the full potential of the geothermal energy resources that they have spent millions of dollars exploring, proving, and developing without these changes. And, the Treasury will not realize the economic value of those adjacent parcels, which go unleased and undeveloped as a result. For these reasons, the bill has the strong support of the Geothermal Energy Association.

I want to emphasize that this bill is not a giveaway. The amount of land that can be leased non-competitively is limited to less than 640 acres per lease. It can only be leased where there are already proven resources and thus more likely than not to increase overall Federal royalties paid to the Treasury as the adjacent parcels are incorporated into the developer's geothermal energy project. Third, the bidder must pay fair market value for the lease as determined by the Interior Department. Finally, this bill contains an additional provision, which was not included in the prior version, which will significantly increase the annual rental payments for the newly acquired adjacent land in order to ensure that the bill comes as close as possible to full economic recovery for the taxpayers.

Current law sets two different annual rental payment levels for geothermal leases. These are amounts that the lease-holder pays per year for every acre held in lease. The rental rate for non-competitive leases is \$1 per acre per year. The rate for competitive leases begins at \$2 per acre for the first year and increases to \$3 for the next 9 years. The sole difference between the bill introduced in the prior Congress and the bill being introduced today is that the version being introduced today treats the new, adjacent lease as a competitive lease for determining the annual rental even though it is being acquired as a non-competitive lease. This will have the clear effect of raising the annual rental payments on the newly acquired adjacent lands to the higher rate of \$2 and then \$3 per acre and increase revenue to the Treasury. This change underscores our intent, as sponsors of the bill, to ensure that the result of these changes in the Geo-

thermal Steam Act is truly to increase geothermal energy production on Federal lands without any overall loss of revenue to the taxpayers from non-competitive award of these adjacent lands.

Geothermal energy is, by definition, a domestic renewable energy resource with enormous potential, but developers face high costs and economic risks of finding the right location to extract energy. These changes will help ensure that once those resources have been proven on Federal lands, they can be fully developed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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. 1149

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 "Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2011".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) it is in the best interest of the United States to develop clean renewable geothermal energy;

(2) development of that energy should be promoted on appropriate Federal land;

(3) under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 et seq.), the Bureau of Land Management is authorized to issue 3 different types of noncompetitive leases for production of geothermal energy on Federal land, including—

(A) noncompetitive geothermal leases to mining claim holders that have a valid operating plan;

(B) direct use leases; and

(C) leases on parcels that do not sell at a competitive auction;

(4) Federal geothermal energy leasing activity should be directed toward persons seeking to develop the land as opposed to persons seeking to speculate on geothermal resources and artificially raising the cost of legitimate geothermal energy development;

(5) developers of geothermal energy on Federal land that have invested substantial capital and made high risk investments should be allowed to secure a discovery of geothermal energy resources; and

(6) successful geothermal development on Federal land will provide increased revenue to the Federal Government, with the payment of production royalties over decades.

SEC. 3. NONCOMPETITIVE LEASING OF ADJOINING AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES.

Section 4(b) of the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4) ADJOINING LAND.—

"(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

"(i) FAIR MARKET VALUE PER ACRE.—The term 'fair market value per acre' means a dollar amount per acre that—

"(I) except as provided in this clause, shall be equal to the market value per acre as determined by the Secretary under regulations issued under this paragraph;

"(II) shall be determined by the Secretary with respect to a lease under this paragraph, by not later than the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date the Secretary receives an application for the lease; and

"(III) shall be not less than the greater of—