

EC-395. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of a Model for Predicting Digital Broadcast Television Field Strength Received at Individual Locations" (FCC 10-194) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-396. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Measurement Standards for Digital Television Signals Pursuant to the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004" (FCC 10-195) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-397. A communication from the Assistant Division Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 1 and 63 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 10-187) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-398. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preserving the Open Internet; Broadband Industry Practices" (FCC 10-201) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-399. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45" (FCC 10-205) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-400. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 8 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 19(a)(5)" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-401. A communication from the Chief Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airports of Entry or Departure for Flights to and from Cuba" (RIN1651-AA86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-402. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Requirements for Full-Size Baby Cribs and Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs" (16 CFR Parts 1508 and 1509) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-403. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communica-

tions Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; North Pole and Plattsburgh, New York" (MM Docket No. 99-238, DA 10-2443) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-404. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 18a" (RIN3084-AA91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 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 Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 243. A bill to enhance and improve the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 244. A bill to enable States to opt out of certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BURR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 245. A bill to reduce Federal spending in a responsible manner; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 246. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax return information for the purpose of missing or exploited children investigations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 247. A bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 248. A bill to allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. LEE, and Mr. ENZI):

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*); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 250. A bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog

of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 251. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 252. A bill to permit a State to elect to receive the contributions of the State to the Highway Trust Fund in lieu of the Federal-aid highway program apportionment of the State for the subsequent fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 253. A bill to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and to designate memorials to the service of men and women of the United States in World War I; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BURR, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 254. A bill to reduce the rape kit backlog and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not to exceed 20 per cent of the gross national product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MANGHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURR, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Con. Res. 5. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to honor Frank W. Buckles, the longest surviving United States veteran of the First World War; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 18

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 18, a bill to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations and for other purposes.

S. 19

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 19, a bill to restore American's individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 20

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

S. 27

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 72

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 72, a bill to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 81

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 81, a bill to direct unused appropriations for Senate Official Personnel and Office Expense Accounts to be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt.

S. 139

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to provide that certain tax planning strategies are not patentable, and for other purposes.

S. 163

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 163, a bill to require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island

(Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the roles and responsibilities of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

S. RES. 20

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) 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. 23

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 23, a resolution to prohibit unauthorized earmarks.

S. RES. 32

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 32, a resolution designating the month of February 2011 as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3 intended to be proposed to S. 223, a bill to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BURR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 245. A bill to reduce Federal spending in a responsible manner; to the Committee on the Budget.

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, I am glad to be here today with the Senator from Missouri, my friend CLAIRE MCCASKILL. We are introducing a bill called the Commitment to American Prosperity Act, the CAP Act. It is a 10-page bill designed to limit spending in Washington and set our country back on a sustainable fiscal path.

We have cosponsors in Senators ALEXANDER, BURR, MCCAIN, ISAKSON,

CHAMBLISS, INHOFE, and KIRK. I thank them for joining us in this effort. I hope many more will do the same.

I spent a lifetime in business, and I came to the Senate not to score political points, not to be involved in messaging, but to solve our country's problems. Everyone in this body understands we have tremendous fiscal and financial issues with which to deal. This morning I was happy to see 33 Senators meet over at the visitor center from both sides of the aisle to listen to people involved in the financial industry talking about the path we are on and what that is going to lead to as far as the ruination of our fiscal situation and our ability to borrow money at low rates as we are today. All of us know what that will mean to our citizens.

There is no one who doesn't understand how problematic our financial situation is. I know the Congressional Budget Office just said that this year alone we will have a \$1.5 trillion budget deficit. I think everyone in this body is very aware that we cannot continue on that path. For that reason, Senator MCCASKILL and I have crafted a 10-page bill, a very simple bill. It does a lot, but there are not a lot of whereases. One of its purposes is to cap spending relative to economy.

Most people understand that when we look at economies in other countries of the world, people look at the amount of spending their government does relative to their economic output. Senator MCCASKILL's husband is a businessman. When he looks at the amount of debt he has in his company, he looks at that in relation to revenues and the amount of income he has and his ability to pay the debt. That is the way the world looks at the health of countries.

For the last 4 years—this is the post-entitlement period—our country has been spending 20.6 percent of our GDP or economic output at the Federal level. Everybody knows that right now we are way above that number, at over 24 percent. So again, not to try to create some messaging tool but to solve this problem, Senator MCCASKILL and I have joined to say we need to get back to the norm over a 10-year period, on a glide path that takes us back to fiscal health and to that 20.6 percent of our economy being spent at the Federal level.

The legislation calls for multiyear averaging so we can make sure that economic differentials don't create volatility, so we know exactly what those targets are in advance, so we can go about our work in appropriations in a methodical and thoughtful way. In addition, it creates something called sequestration. That means if Congress does not have the courage, which we recently have not shown, to do the things it needs to do to make those cuts to live within this glide path we have laid out, then sequestration will take place. The Office of Management and Budget, 45 days after the end of the year, if we have not done those things