

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2991. A bill to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6089. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6090. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6091. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John G. Castellaw, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6092. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a public-private competition for administrative support services being performed by civilian employees at the Fleet Readiness Center in Havelock, North Carolina; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6093. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6094. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6095. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations Based Upon a Systematic Review of the CCL" (RIN0694-AE32) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6096. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (73 FR 20810) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6097. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6098. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to fraud in the market for educational financial aid; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6099. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services, Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (FCC 07-217) received on May 5, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6100. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules; Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999: Local Broadcast Signal Carriage Issues and Retransmission Consent Issues" (FCC 08-86) received on May 5, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6101. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets" (FCC 08-87) received on May 5, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6102. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DTV Consumer Education Initiative" (FCC 08-119) received on May 5, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6103. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XH13) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6104. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice - Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries; Fishery Closure; Correction Notice" (RIN0648-XG90) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6105. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XH03) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6106. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel by Vessels in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XH07) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6107. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice - Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries; Fishery Closure" (RIN0648-XG90) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6108. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by American Fisheries Act Catcher Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XG86) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6109. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish, Pacific Ocean Perch, and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area and West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XH00) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6110. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the regulatory status of each recommendation on the National Transportation Safety Board's Most Wanted List; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6111. A communication from the Chairman, Pacific Fishery Management Council, transmitting a letter relative to recommendations from the Council on actions to take to end overfishing in certain areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6112. 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 "Economic Stimulus Payments and Tax-Favored Accounts" (Announcement 2008-44) received on May 6, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6113. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of the Statutes of Limitations in Third-Party and John Doe Summons Disputes and Expansion of Taxpayers' Rights to Receive Notice and Seek Judicial Review of Third-Party Summonses" ((RIN1545-BA31) (TD 9395)) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6114. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2009: Annual Payment Rate Updates, Policy Changes, and Clarifications; and Electronic Submission of Costs Reports Revisions to Effective Date of Cost Reporting Period" ((RIN0938-AO94) (RIN0938-AN97)) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6115. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes for Long-Term Hospitals Required by Certain Provisions of the Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP Extension Act of 2007: 3-Year Delay in the Application of Payment Adjustments for Short Stay Outliers and Changes to the Standard Federal Rate" (RIN0938-AP33) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6116. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2008" (RIN0938-A092) received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6117. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (5) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6118. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of funds appropriated by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6119. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (22 CFR Parts 40 and 41) received on May 6, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6120. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, (12) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on May 5, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6121. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the suspension of certain sales and leases; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6122. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of State's certification of the importation of shrimp harvesting technology that may adversely affect certain sea turtles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6123. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-55-2008-61); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6124. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to technical assistance to Iran that was provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency during calendar year 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6125. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Models of Exemplary, Effective, and Promising Alcohol or Other Drug Abuse Prevention Programs on College Campuses" (73 FR 17868) received on May 6, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6126. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6127. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6128. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of agencies' competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6129. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period ending March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6130. A communication from the Deputy Solicitor, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6131. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6132. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, change in previously reported information and discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs, received on May 2, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Kameron L. Onley, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

*Jeffrey F. Kupfer, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

*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 Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2985. A bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to correct a reference relating to a transit project in Orleans Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2986. A bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to modify the project description for a project for the city of Lake Charles, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2987. A bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to modify the project description for a highway project for Jefferson Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2988. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and private research efforts to develop new tools and therapies that prevent, detect, and cure diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2989. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement a National Neurotechnology Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2990. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access of Medicare beneficiaries to intravenous immune globulins; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2991. A bill to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER)):

S. 2992. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance housing loan authorities for veterans and to otherwise assist veterans and members of the Armed Forces in avoiding the foreclosure of their homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' 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. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. WEBB, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 554. A resolution expressing the Sense of the Senate on humanitarian assistance to Burma after Cyclone Nargis; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Con. Res. 80. A concurrent resolution urging the President to designate a National Airborne Day in recognition of persons who are serving or have served in the airborne forces of the Armed Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. DODD):

S. Con. Res. 81. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week; considered and agreed to.