Agency, to the United States Supreme Court, to the Chairs of the State Water Resources Control Board, to the California Energy Commission, to the Public Utilities Commission, to the California Coastal Commission, to the California Air Resources Board, to the California Independent Systems Operator, and to the California Ocean Protection Council, all grantees, and all current lessees of public trust lands that utilize OTC.

POM–406. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii approving the establishment of a state-province affiliation between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Negros Oriental of the Republic of the Philippines; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE OF RESOLUTION NO. 85

Whereas, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and

Whereas, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii has established a number of sister-state agreements with provinces in the Pacific region; and

Whereas, because of the historical relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines, there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves the common interests of both countries; and

Whereas, there are historical precedents exemplifying the common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the Philippines, such as the previously established sister-city relationship between the City and County of Honolulu and the City of Cebu in the Province of Cebu; and

Whereas, similar state-province relationships exist between the State of Hawaii and the Provinces of Cebu, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, and Pangasinan, whereby cooperation and communication have served to establish exchanges in the areas of business, trade, agriculture and industry, tourism, sports, health care, social welfare, and other fields of human endeavor; and

Whereas, a similar state-province relationship would reinforce and cement this common bridge for understanding and mutual assistance between ethnic Filipinos of both the State of Hawaii and the Province of Negros Oriental; and

Whereas, with its vast fertile land resources, Negros Oriental's major industry is agriculture and lists its primary crops as sugarcane, corn, coconut, and rice, but the province is emerging as a technological center in the Central Philippines with its growing business process outsourcing and other technology-related industries, and is also becoming a notable tourist destination in the Visayas, making the province much like Hawaii; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, That Governor Linda Lingle of the State of Hawaii, or her designee, be authorized and is requested to take all necessary actions to establish a state-province affiliation with the Province of Negros Oriental in the Republic of the Philippines; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor or her designee is requested to keep the Legislature of the State of Hawaii fully informed of the process in establishing the affiliation and involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and be it further

Resolved, That the Province of Negros Oriental be afforded the privileges and honors that Hawaii extends to its sister states and provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That if by June 30, 2013, the state-province affiliation with the Province of Negros Oriental has not reached a sustainable basis by providing mutual economic benefits through local community support, the state-province affiliation shall be withdrawn; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the President of the Republic of the Philippines through its Honolulu Consulate General, and the Governor and Provincial Board of the Province of Negros Oriental, Republic of the Philippines.

POM–407. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii urging Congress to enact legislation to waive single state agency requirements with regard to the administration of funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 209

Whereas, on March 12, 1987, the President of the United States directed all affected agencies to issue a grants management common rule to adopt government-wide terms and conditions for grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas, consistent with their legal obligations, all federal agencies administering programs that involve grants and cooperative agreements with state governments must follow the policies outlined in the federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A–102, as revised and amended; and

Whereas, the Office of Management and Budget is authorized to grant deviations from the requirements when permissible under existing law, however deviations are permitted only in exceptional circumstances; and

Whereas, according to a guidance document from the Department of Homeland Security, the governor of each state must designate a State Administrative Agency to apply for and administer the funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program; and

Whereas, Hawaii State Civil Defense is the State Administrative Agency for these purposes in Hawaii; and

Whereas, according to the Office for Domestic Preparedness Information Bulletin No. 112 (May 26, 2004), the State Administrative Agency is obligated to pass through no less than eighty per cent of its total grant award to local units of government within the State; and

Whereas, according to the Office for Domestic Preparedness Information Bulletin No. 120 (June 16, 2004), the remaining twenty per cent can be retained at the state level; and

Whereas, qualifying state and local government agencies in Hawaii can apply to Hawaii State Civil Defense for State Homeland Security Grant Program funds, and Hawaii State Civil Defense allocates funds based on investments and how well the program capabilities of the various state agencies tie together; and

Whereas, a single state agency requirement in the application and allocation of funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program is misplaced because it grants considerable discretion to one state agency for the allocation of funds, with no oversight by the state legislature; and

Whereas, it is traditionally the role of the state legislature as the policy making branch of the government to determine how financial resources should be allocated; and

Whereas, state legislatures should have greater input and oversight regarding the allocation of funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program, now: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, That the United States Congress is requested to enact legislation to waive the single state agency requirement with regard to the administration of funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program and to provide state legislatures with authority to approve the allocation of funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program; and it be it further

Resolved That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Hawaii congressional delegation, and the State Adjutant General.

POM–408. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take the actions necessary to expedite the reopening of the Arabi Branch of the United States Postal Service located in St. Bernard Parish; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76

Whereas, it has been almost three years since hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated this community, flooding the Arabi branch of the United States Postal Service; and

Whereas, the effects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita continue to effect the operations of government inclusive of operations of branches of the United States Postal Service in St. Bernard Parish; and

Whereas, one essential to the continued recovery of the citizens of Arabi, Louisiana, along with the full restoration of governmental services, is the reopening of the Arabi branch of the United States Postal Service; and

Whereas, this branch will be well used by the individuals in this community, particularly by the elderly, the disabled, and parents with young children who need a convenient location to conduct business with the postal service. Therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to expedite the reopening of the Arabi branch of the United States Postal Service in St. Bernard Parish. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 27. A bill to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement (Rept. No. 110–400).

S. 1171. A bill to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87–483 to

authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110–401).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled ''Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2009'' (Rept. No. 110–402).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 3721. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the ''Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building''.

H.R. 4185. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the ''Marisol Heredia Post Office Building''.

H.R. 5168. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the ''Cody Grater Post Office Building''.

H.R. 5395. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the ''William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building''.

H.R. 5479. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the ''Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building''.

H.R. 5517. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the ''Texas Military Veterans Post Office''.

H.R. 5528. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the ''Rocky Marciano Post Office Building''.

S. 2622. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the ''William 'Bill' Clay Post Office''.

S. 3015. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18 S. G Street, Lakeview, Oregon, as the ''Dr. Bernard Daly Post Office Building''.

S. 3082. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, as the ''Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building''.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DODD for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Elisse Walter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2012.

*Troy A. Paredes, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2013.

*Luis Aguilar, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2010.

*Michael E. Fryzel, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2013.

*Susan D. Peppler, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

*Sheila McNamara Greenwood, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

*Neel T. Kashkari, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*Donald B. Marron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

*Joseph J. Murin, of Pennsylvania, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

*Christopher R. Wall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

*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 Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3187. A bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3188. A bill for the liquidation or reliquidation of certain entries of top-of-the-stove stainless steel cooking ware from the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 3189. A bill to amend Public Law 106–392 to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration and the Commissioner of Reclamation to maintain sufficient revenues in the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3190. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require employers to notify their employees of the availability of the earned income credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 3191. A bill to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 3192. A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 3193. A bill to restrict nuclear cooperation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3194. A bill to transfer surplus Federal land administered by the Coast Guard in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3195. A bill to provide assistance to adolescents and young adults with serious mental health disorders as they transition to adulthood; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 3196. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3197. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3198. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to the navigation of submersible or semi-submersible vessels without nationality; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 3199. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain shipping from the harbor maintenance tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. SHELBY):

S.J. Res. 43. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage; 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. SMITH (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Res. 601. A resolution designating October 19 through October 25, 2008, as ''National Save for Retirement Week''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 602. A bill supporting the goals and ideals of ''National Life Insurance Awareness Month''; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.