

A 1944 graduate of Willimantic State Teachers College—now Eastern Connecticut State University—Peg received a bachelor's degree in education. She also attained a master's degree from the University of Connecticut. Between 1945 and 1950, she taught at Norwich Elementary School and was a reading supervisor in the Greenwich Public Schools. Returning to Eastern in 1950, Peg devoted herself to improving early childhood education.

In particular, Peg has dedicated herself to changing the way young students are taught. She advocated providing an individual approach to early childhood education, which was considered radical by many educators in the early 1950s. However, over the ensuing decades this approach has become widely accepted as the best method of preparing young children for success in school and life.

Peg Wilson was ahead of her time in recognizing the importance of providing children a comprehensive and demanding curriculum that considers each child's strengths and weaknesses. Her determination to improve early education was the driving passion of her career. As both a teacher and administrator, Peg imparted her "radical" theory to thousands of prospective teachers and parents during her nearly 40 years at Eastern. This knowledge undoubtedly improved the lives of even more children in Connecticut and throughout the country. For that, we should all be grateful.

During, and after her illustrious career at Eastern, Peg remained active in her community. While working at Eastern, Peg served on the Norwich Board of Education for 18 years. In addition, she is an original cofounder of the Norwich Historical Society, which is dedicated to promoting the history of that great New England town. In addition, she remained active in local politics, even running for city council president and State senate. Her contributions to her community have long been acknowledged; Peg received the Norwich Citizen of the Year Award in 1970.

Although Peg Wilson retired from Eastern in 1989 as vice president for administration and fiscal affairs, her dedication to early childhood development has continued undiminished. Never losing sight of her dream of individualized, comprehensive education for young children, Peg returned to Eastern as an assistant to the president. In this role, she spent nearly 4 years attempting to gain support for a facility on Eastern's campus dedicated to early childhood development. Her hard work, alongside that of the president and senior staff of Eastern, finally paid off. On February 28, 2006, Eastern University dedicated the Margaret S. Wilson Child and Family Development Complex. This new complex currently serves 14 children, ages 3 and 4, in a new comprehensive preschool, implementing many of the ideas Margaret Wilson has espoused for almost 60

years. As the center grows, a limited number of infants and up to 60 toddlers will be served. In addition, the center will eventually offer onsite services such as health, education, and financial services to the participating families. Peg's vision of comprehensive child development is truly being realized.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Peg's family: her late husband, W. Robert Wilson; her daughter, Margaret-Ellen Wilson; and her son, Dr. William Wilson, a recipient of Norwich's Native Son Award in 1999. Their love and support has been instrumental in allowing Peg to devote her career to promoting early childhood development.

As a Senator and a father of two young daughters, I am reminded every day of the importance of providing quality education early in a child's life. Throughout my career, I have strived to ensure that our country makes early childhood development a national priority. Today, I am honored to praise the work of someone who shares that commitment with me.

Margaret Wilson has played an integral role in improving thousands of young students' lives and reshaping early childhood education. The Margaret S. Wilson Child and Family Development Complex stands as a testament to one of Connecticut's most admired and visionary educators. This complex will help ensure that future generations of Connecticut children are provided with a quality education early in life, which is critical for our Nation's future. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, I say thank you, Peg Wilson, for all that you have done and continue to do for the children of America.●

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VINCENT HEALTH

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today in order to join my fellow Hoosiers in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of St. Vincent Health. Over the span of those 125 years, St. Vincent Health has grown into one of the largest health care systems in the State of Indiana, with 16 facilities serving 45 counties.

April 26, 2006, marks Founder's Day, the culmination of a year-long celebration which began on November 29, 2005, during which the 11,500 associates of St. Vincent and the communities they serve will commemorate this important milestone. This year Founder's Day will include the unveiling of a statue to commemorate the four Daughters of Charity who came to Indianapolis to start what is now known as St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital and the 125 years of service that resulted from their remarkable work.

Like so many of my fellow Hoosiers, I am grateful for the important services that the associates of St. Vincent Health provide each day to Hoosiers in their time of need.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-6378. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Port of Entry at New River Valley, Virginia, and Termination of the User-Fee Status of New River Valley Airport" (CBP Decision 06-10) received on April 18, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6379. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Medicare Graduate Medical Education Application Provisions for Teaching Hospitals in Certain Emergency Situations" (RIN0938-AO35) received on April 18, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6380. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Financial Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program, Requirement for Providers and Suppliers to Establish and Maintain Medicare Enrollment" (RIN0938-AH73) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6381. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—February 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2006-23) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6382. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April-June 2006 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2006-14) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6383. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2006 Section 29 Inflation Adjustment Factor (for calendar year 2005)" (Notice 2006-37) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6384. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Gulf Opportunity Zone Bonds, Gulf Opportunity Zone Advance Refunding Bonds, and Gulf Tax Credit Bonds Notice" (Notice 2006-41) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6385. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 338 to Insurance Companies" (RIN1545-A49) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6386. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Acquisitions Made from Foreign Manufacturers for Fiscal Year 2005"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6387. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Coverage Determinations"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6388. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Vision Rehabilitation for Elderly Individuals with Low Vision or Blindness"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6389. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Child Pornography and Obscenity Prevention Amendments of 2006"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6390. A communication from the United States District Judge, Federal Judicial Center, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Judicial Center's Annual Report for the 2005 calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6391. A communication from the Commander, Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2005 annual report to Congress concerning community service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6392. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2005 report on the progress of implementing the provisions of the Family Court Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6393. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States pursuant to Section 2072 of Title 28, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6394. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States pursuant to Section 2075 of Title 28, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6395. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States pursuant to Section 2072 of Title 28, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6396. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States pursuant to Section 2072 of Title 28, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6397. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States pursuant to Section 2072 of Title 28, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6398. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Secretary of Energy to use expedited procedures to promulgate rules establishing energy conservation standards; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6399. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on Federal Government Energy Management and Conservation Programs for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6400. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Make-or-Buy Plans" (RIN1991-AB64) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6401. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Incident Reporting Requirements" (RIN1010-AC57) received on April 18, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6402. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6403. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement and a manufacturing license agreement for manufacture and export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6404. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6405. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed multi-contract effort for manufacture and export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Canada, France and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6406. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on properties identified for possible disposal for fiscal years 2006 through 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6407. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the October 15, 2005 through December 15, 2005 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6408. A communication from the Secretary for Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice: Public Availability of Board Decisions" (RIN2900-AM31) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6409. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, jointly, a report regarding the implementation of the health resources sharing portion of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Health Resources Sharing and Emergency Operations Act for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6410. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the implementation of the health resources sharing portion of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Health Resources Sharing and Emergency Operations Act for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6411. A communication from the Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6412. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51 (PTE 2002-51) to Permit Certain Transactions Identified in the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program" (RIN1210-ZA05) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" (RIN1210-AB03) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6414. A communication from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drugs; Removal of Obsolete and Redundant Regulations" (Doc. No. 2003N-0324) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6415. A communication from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Immunology and Microbiology Devices; Classification of Reagents for Detection of Specified Novel Influenza A Viruses" (Doc. No. 2006N-0100) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6416. A communication from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

“New Animal Drugs; Adamantane and Neuraminidase Inhibitor Anti-influenza Drugs; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order of Prohibition” (Doc. No. 2006N-0106) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6417. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes to UI Performs, Change 1, Performance Criterion for the Overpayment Detection Measure; Clarification of Appeals Timeliness Measures; and Implementation of Tax Quality Measure Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6418. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2005 Notification and Federal Employee Anti-Discrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act Annual Report; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6419. A communication from the Coordinator, Forms Committee, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of revisions to the instructions for FEC Form 3X and FEC Form 9; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6420. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Foreign Assets Control Regulations” (31 CFR part 500) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6421. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Conversion of Developments from Public Housing Stock; Methodology for Comparing Costs of Public Housing and Tenant-Based Assistance” ((RIN2577-AC33) (FR-4718-F-02)) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6422. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, a report of proposed legislation relative to the financing of a capital improvement project at the Washington Aqueduct drinking water facility; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6423. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s inventory of commercial activities and the inventory of inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6424. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Louisiana” (FRL No. 8159-9) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6425. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites” ((RIN2050-AD75)(FRL No. 8159-5)) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6426. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Site Revitalization Guidance Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability” (FRL No. 7687-9) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6427. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(I), Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Perchloroethylene Air Emission Standards for Dry Cleaning Facilities: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection” (FRL No. 8157-9) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6428. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Finding of Substantial Inadequacy of Implementation Plan; Call for Missouri State Implementation Plan Revision” (FRL No. 8158-7) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6429. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice of Availability of ‘Award of Grants and Cooperative Agreements for the Special Projects and Programs Authorized by the Agency’s FY 2006 Appropriations Act’” (FRL No. 8053-8) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6430. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revocation of TSCA Section 4 Testing Requirements for Certain Chemical Substances” ((RIN2070-AD42)(FRL No. 7751-7)) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6431. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Revisions to Volatile Organic Compound Definition” (FRL No. 8157-8) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6432. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Washington: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions” (FRL No. 8158-4) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6433. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, the report of draft legislation to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to dispose of certain National Forest System lands and retain receipts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6434. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Cyfluthrin; Pesticide Tolerance Technical Correction” (FRL No. 7766-2) received on

April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6435. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sodium Metasilicate; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 8063-5) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6436. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Importation of Small Lots of Seed Without Phytosanitary Certificates” ((RIN0579-AB78)(Doc. No. 02-119-2)) received on April 18, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6437. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Transfer of Sugar Program Marketing Allocations” (RIN0560-AH37) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6438. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acreage Reports and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program” (RIN0560-AG20) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6439. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Industrial Security Program Directive No. 1” (RIN3095-AB34) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6440. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Letter Report: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D Unauthorized Check Activity”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6441. A communication from the Director, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6442. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6443. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report which contains certain fiscal year 2005 statistical data relating to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6444. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2005 Report Concerning Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6445. A communication from the Chairman, United States Merit System Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled “Designing an Effective Pay for Performance Compensation System”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6446. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending December 31, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6447. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, (25) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6448. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incentive Program for Purchase of Capital Assets Manufactured in the United States" (DFARS Case 2005-D003) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6449. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (12) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6450. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the closure of the Defense commissary store at Camp Hialeah, South Korea by July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6451. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the closure of the Defense commissary store at Bad Kissingen (Daley Village Army housing area), Germany by July 14, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6452. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's STARBASE Program 2005 Annual Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6453. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the report of proposed legislation relative to amending Section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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. STABENOW:

S. 2636. A bill to provide an immediate Federal income tax rebate to help taxpayers with higher fuel costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. AL-EXANDER):

S. 2637. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 1, 4-Benzquinone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. AL-EXANDER):

S. 2638. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2-Methylhydroquinone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. AL-EXANDER):

S. 2639. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on o-Anisidine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. AL-EXANDER):

S. 2640. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Benzoic acid 3,4,5-trihydroxy-, propyl ester; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. AL-EXANDER):

S. 2641. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2,4-Xylidine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2642. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to add a provision relating to reporting and recordkeeping for positions involving energy commodities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2643. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 2644. A bill to harmonize rate setting standards for copyright licenses under sections 112 and 114 of title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2645. A bill to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2646. A bill to create a 3-year pilot program that makes small, nonprofit child care businesses eligible for loans under title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 2647. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain acrylic fiber tow imported in the form of 6 sub-bundles; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2648. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain acrylic fiber tow; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2649. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to provide emergency disaster assistance to mitigate the economic losses caused by the declining Klamath River salmon and to develop and implement a research and recovery plan for Klamath River salmon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2650. A bill to designate the Federal courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Federal Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2651. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 34. A joint resolution expressing United States policy on Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 441. A resolution expressing the support of the Senate for the reconvening of the Parliament of Nepal and for an immediate, peaceful transition to democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. Res. 442. A resolution expressing the deep disappointment of the Senate with respect to the election of Iran to a leadership position in the United Nations Disarmament Commission and requesting the President to withhold funding to the United Nations unless credible reforms are made; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 443. A resolution relative to the death of Francis R. Valeo, former Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 444. A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Jewish Committee; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CHAFFEE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. Res. 445. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 351

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became