“Removal of Certain Persons from the Enti-
ty List” (RIN0969–AH28) received in the Of-
fice of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Hous-
ing, and Urban Affairs.
EC–1178. A communication from the Assis-
tant Director for Legislative Affairs, Con-
sumer Financial Protection Bureau, trans-
mitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Con-
sumer Response Annual Report”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1179. A communication from the Sec-
retary, Securities and Exchange Commis-
sion, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-
port of a rule entitled “Final Regulation: Mun-
icicipal Securities Transaction Fee” (RIN0066–BE43) received in the Office of the Pres-
ident of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1180. A communication from the Execu-
tive Director, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptrol-
er’s 2016 Office of Minority and Women In-
clusion Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1181. A communication from the Chief
Financial Officer, Federal Emergency Manage-
ment Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determin-
ation Authority Navigation on the James River, Virginia” (Docket No. FEMA–2016–0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2017; to the Committee on Bank-
ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1182. A communication from the Chair-
man, Federal Financial Institutions Exam-
ination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council’s 2016 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1183. A communication from the Acting
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regu-
atory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fish-
eries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule enti-
titled “Taking and Importing Marine Mamm-
als; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to
Rehabilitation of the Jetty System at the Mount
Columbia, Richmond, Virginia; and Trans-
mitting the Mitigation Measures and Plan for
Jetty, and South Jetty, in Washington and
Oregon” (RIN0686–BP95) received in the Of-
fice of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1184. A communication from the Attor-
ney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Recreational Boat Flotation Standards—
Update of Outboard Engine Weight Test Re-
quirements” (Docket No. USCG–2016–0102) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1185. A communication from the Acting
Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 5th An-
nual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
tation.

EC–1186. A communication from the Regu-
lations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicaid Program: Advanced Care Coordi-
nation Through Episode Payment Models (EPM Model); Delay of Effective Date” (RIN0938–
A980) (CMS–S519–IFC) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1187. A communication from the Regu-
lations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicaid Program: Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments—Treatment of Third Party Payers in Calculating uncompen-
sated Care Costs” (RIN0938–A962) (CMS–I504–F) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1188. A communication from the Assistant
Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Depart-
ment of State, transmitting, pursuant to the
Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background state-
ments of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017–0050–2017–0068); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–1189. A communication from the Board
of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement
Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–1190. A communication from the Sec-
retary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Com-
mision’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Federal Trade Commission’s Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1191. A communication from the Acting
President and Chief Executive Officer, Over-
seas Private Investment Corporation, trans-
mitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-
discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1192. A communication from the Acting
President and Chief Executive Officer, Over-
seas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Federal Trade Commission’s Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1193. A communication from the Staff
Director, Federal Election Commission, trans-
mitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Federal Election Commission’s Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1194. A communication from the Equal
Employment Opportunity Director, Farm
Credit System Insurance Corporation, trans-
mitting, pursuant to law, the Report of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-
discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Home-
land Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1195. A communication from the Acting
Director, Federal Housing Administration, trans-
mitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Federal Housing Administration’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimi-
nation and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
ry and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1196. A communication from the Direc-
tor, National Archives and Records Admin-
istration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notice-
fication and Federal Employee Antidiscrimi-
nation and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
ry and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1197. A communication from the Sec-
tary, National Archives and Records Admin-
istration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background state-
ments of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017–0050–2017–0068); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–1198. A communication from the Acting
Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Com-
mission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-
discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Home-
land Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1199. A communication from the Acting
Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal-
ization Programs, Office of Sustainable Fish-
eries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Recreational Boat Flotation Standards—
Update of Outboard Engine Weight Test Re-
quirements” (Docket No. USCG–2016–0102) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Bank-
ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1200. A communication from the Direc-
tor, Equal Employment Opportunities and Diver-
sity Programs, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pur-
SUETIE ty, the Administration’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Noti-
fication and Federal Employee Antidiscrimi-
nation and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
ry and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1201. A communication from the Asso-
icate General Counsel for General Law, De-
partment of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the Pres-
dent of the Senate on March 29, 2017; to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was re-
fereed or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM–15. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada relative to the ratification of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on ac-
count of sex; to the Committee on the Judici-
ary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2
Whereas both Houses of the 92nd Congress of the United States of America, by a con-
stitutional majority of two-thirds, adopted the following resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of the United States:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Rep-
resentatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled (Two-Thirds of Each House Present and Voting Therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
stitution of the United States, which shall be
valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress.

ARTICLE

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congressional legislation shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification; and whereas, The 90th Congress of the United States amended the resolution of the 92nd Congress by delaying the time for ratification to June 30, 1982, thereby indicating its continued support of the amendment; and whereas, The Congress of the United States adopted the 27th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which was proposed in 1789 by our First Congress but not ratified by three-fourths of the States until May 7, 1992, and, on May 18, 1992, certified as the 27th Amendment; and whereas, The restricting time limit for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment is in the amending clause and is not part of the amendment which was proposed by Congress and which has already been ratified by 35 states; and whereas, Having passed a time extension for the Equal Rights Amendment on October 20, 1978, Congress demonstrated that a time limit in a resolving clause may be disregarded if it is not part of the proposed amendment; and whereas, The United States Supreme Court in *Coleman v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 433 (1939), recognized that Congress is in a unique position to judge the tenor of the nation, to be aware of the political, social and economic factors affecting the nation and to be aware of the importance to the nation of the proposed amendment; and whereas, If an amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been proposed by two-thirds of both houses of Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures, it is for Congress, under the principles of *Cooper v. Miller*, to determine the validity of the state ratifications occurring after a time limit in the resolving clause, but not in the amendment itself; and whereas, The Legislature of the State of Nevada finds that the proposed amendment is meaningful and needed as part of the Constitution of the United States and that the present political, social and economic conditions demonstrate that constitutional equality for women and men continues to be a timely issue in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 102. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to commence proceedings related to the resiliency of critical communications networks during times of emergency, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115–24). By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled ‘Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 114th Congress’ (Rept. No. 115–25).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services:

*Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.*

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

*Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.*

*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.*

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 827. A bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. WARE, Mr. Tester, Mr. Scott, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Van Hollen, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Schumer):  

S. 828. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as level 2b liquid asset, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. Tester, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Perri):

S. 829. A bill to reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Coons, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Henshaw, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 830. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 831. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Pike Street in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, as the ‘Police Officer Scott Bashiloum Post Office Building’; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. COONS):

S. 832. A bill to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of programs under the African Growth and Opportunity Act and the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KING, and Mr. MCGRATH):

S. 833. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits to recipients of Department of Defense benefits for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DURbin, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KAIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARTER, Mr. VAN HOLEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. HOOKE, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. STEINFELD):

S. 834. A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURbin, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 835. A bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics for the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 836. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to exclude a loan secured by a non-owner occupied 1- to 4-family dwelling from the definition of a member business loan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 837. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Washington County, Utah, to authorize the exchange of Federal land with the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.