

“Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List” (RIN0694-AH28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1178. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Consumer Response Annual Report”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1179. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inflation Adjustments and Other Technical Amendments Under Titles I and III of the JOBS Act” (RIN3235-AL38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1180. A communication from the Executive Director, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller’s 2016 Office of Minority and Women Inclusion Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1181. 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; Otsego County, New York” (Docket No. FEMA-2016-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1182. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination 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 Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Rehabilitation of the Jetty System at the Mouth of the Columbia River; Jetty A, North Jetty, and South Jetty, in Washington and Oregon” (RIN0648-BF95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1184. A communication from the Attorney-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 Requirements” ((RIN1625-AC37) (Docket No. USCG-2016-1012)) 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 55th Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1186. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models (EPMs); Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement

Model; Delay of Effective Date” ((RIN0938-AS90) (CMS-5519-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 Regulations 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 Uncompensated Care Costs” ((RIN0938-AS92) (CMS-2699-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, 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 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 Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee 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, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1192. A communication from the Diversity and Inclusion Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee 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, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee 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 Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit Administration’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1195. A communication from the General Counsel, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1196. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Con-

sumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau’s fiscal year 2016 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1197. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion Director, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1198. A communication from the Acting Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1199. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1200. A communication from the Director, Equal Employment Opportunities and Diversity Programs, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1201. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department 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 President of the Senate on March 29, 2017; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1202. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to bankruptcy judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation for the 115th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred 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 their ratification of the proposed 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 account of sex; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, Both houses of the 92nd Congress of the United States of America, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds, adopted the following resolution proposing to amend the United States Constitution:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled (Two-Thirds of Each House Concurring Therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution 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.

Section 2. The Congress 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 95th Congress of the United States amended the resolution of the 92nd Congress to extend 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 resolving 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 *Coleman 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 Secretary of State who shall keep it as a true record of the official acts of the Legislative Department of the State Government pursuant to Section 20 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and transmit a certified copy of this resolution, duly authenticated, to the Archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration pursuant to 1 U.S.C. §§ 106b and 112, which shall serve as official notice 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.

Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, 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. WARNER, 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 assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER):

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. HEINRICH, and Mrs. CAPITO):

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

By Mr. TOOMEY (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 Bashoum Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (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. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 833. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs 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. KAINE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

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; to 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 and non-Federal in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.